Certaine Devout PRAYERS OF Mr. BOLTON upon ſolemne occaſions.

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To the Reader.

AMong Treatiſes fit to be publiſhed and read, Treatiſes of *Devotion* are moſt fit: as being freeſt from offence, and fulleſt of divine matter. If compariſon may bee made betwixt parts of ſacred Scripture, the Pſalmes of *David* have an excellency in that they conſiſt of matters of *Devotion*. Anſwerable to the ſtile of his name, is the ſtile of

his book. The ſtile of his name was, *A man after GODS owne heart.* For ſuch was his piety and ſincerity as GOD was well pleaſed therewith, and tooke much delight therein. The rather becauſe his devotion towards GOD incited him to doe what GOD required to be done. So the Booke of Pſalmes may well carry this ſtile, *A booke after Gods owne heart,* in that nothing is more acceptable unto GOD, nothing wherein hee takes more delight then *Devotion.* And no booke

1 Sam. 13. 14. Acts 13. 22. Juxta cor ſuum. q. d. Qui præceptum divini conſilij exquirit virtute devotionis. Greg. Mag. Expoſ lib. 5. in 1 Reg. Cap. 15.

bookes of sacred Scripture fuller of *Devotion* then that booke. Most of the Psalmes wholy consist of *Prayers* or *Praises*; very few, if any at all, wherein there are not some divine raptures, and such heavenly ejaculations, as manifest an heart full of *Devotion*. For *Devotion is a pious and humble affection to Godward*. *Humble through conscience of mans unworthinesse*; *Pious through a due consideration of the divine clemency*. Such *Devotion* is never more fully and to the

Devotio est pius & humilis affectus in DEVM *humilis ex conscientia infirmitatis propriæ: pius ex consideratione divinæ clementiæ Aug. de Spir. & Anima cap 50.*

life manifeſted then in Prayers and Praiſes. For in theſe divine duties, if rightly performed, the ſoule preſents it ſelfe before GOD, and that in a ſpeciall manner, being after a ſort even rapt out of the body. Then, if ever, doth the ſoule, ſo farre as it is capable, with an holy admiration apprehend the divine Majeſty, Puriry, Juſtice, Wiſdome, Power, yea Mercy, Goodneſſe, and other excellencies wherewith GOD is decked. Then, if ever is the ſoule brought throughly

to discerne its owne infirmity, impurity, baseneſſe, vileneſſe and curſedneſſe. For contraries paralleld, or laid together doe moſt lively ſet forth each other in their owne proper colours. He that liveth in a darke dungeon, will be enamoured with the bright ſhining of the Sun, when hee can have liberty to ſee it. And hee that hath long lived under bright Sun-ſhine, more thorowly diſcernes the horrour and dammage of darkneſſe. Now God and man are in

τὰ ἐναντία μάλιστα φαίνεται ἐναντία dixit Ariſt. Rhet. lib. 3 cap. 2.

many respects directly opposite each to other: This opposition is best discerned in our most serious contemplations of Gods excellencies and due consideration of our owne manifold infirmities, which is most to purpose done in acts and exercises of Devotion. In this respect this present Treatise is worthy of all acceptation, even for the subject matter whereof it consisteth, which is *divine Devotion*. Herein you shall observe GOD most highly advanced; and man

man most lowly dejected. GOD advanced above the highest Heavens; Man dejected below the lowest parts of the earth. GOD magnified in his mercies, and justified in his judgements; Man judged and condemned according to his just desers. If the Author of a Worke add any thing to the worth of a Worke, the Author of this Worke must needs add much to the worth of it. For he was a man of a profound judgement, and a zealous spirit: which endow-

dowments are most fit for matters of *Devotion*. *Devotion* must have fire in it, in which respect a zealous spirit is very requisite. *Devotion* hath an especiall reference to GOD, in which respect solid judgement is also requisite. As all the true genuine Workes of this Author give evidence of his more then ordinary spirit, so this Modell especially. By it you may perceive what kinde of fire fired the sacrifices which hee offered up to GOD. Wee reade in the Law (*Levit.*

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9.24.) that *there came a fire out from the* LORD, *and consumed upon the Altar the burnt offering.* That fire which once came from the LORD being continually preserved, all things which required fier in the Tabernacle were to bee fired therewith, as all manner of sacrifice, and incense. Such a fire, a celestiall, a divine fire, which must needs come from the LORD, set on fire the spirituall sacrifices, and sacred incense which this Priest of the LORD, the Author of this

Illo igne qui divinitùs ad Altare venerit deinceps custodito omnia erant accendenda quæ in tabernaculo accendi oportebat. Aug. Quæst. Super Levit. lib. 3. c 38.

this Treatise, offered up to his God. We ought therefore to give the more earnest heed hereunto: and to helpe our owne devotion, and to quicken and enflame our own spirits thereby. Without all question the Models of some eminent persons Devotion, may be a singular helpe to others Devotion. Every one that hath this divine fier of Devotion in his soule, cannot alwaies readily bring fit fuell to make it flame forth. But when fuell is brought by others, it will

will soone take, and quickly flame out. Neither is this (as some too weakly, though very violently cavill) to stint the spirit of supplication. For the worke of the Spirit consists not so much in the words and phrases whereby the matter of Devotion is expressed, as in the intension of the heart, and in the intirenesse and earnestnesse of the affection, wherin the very forme, soule and life of true Devotion consisteth. Otherwise, the spirit of all GOD's

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people in all publicke Liturgies, and formes of prayer would be ſtinted: yea by this reaſon the ſpirit of every one that joyneth with another in prayer (except his ſpirit onely who conceiveth and uttereth the prayer) would be ſtinted. And if ſo, then away with publick aſſemblies for prayer: away with family meetings to call upon GOD: away with all meetings of two or three together in CHRISTS name, notwithſtanding CHRISTS promiſe of being in the midſt

midst of them (*Mat.*18. 20.) But rather away with such proud and prepostrous conceits, which cleane crosse the tenour of sacred Scripture, and commendable custome of GODS Church in all ages. Sacred Scripture records sundry prayers conceived and uttered by one, but assented to by sundry others, wherby they became also the prayers of those others. The 102. Psalme beares this title, *A Prayer for the afflicted when he is overwhelmed and powreth out his com-*

תפלה לעני
כי יעטף וגו׳
προσευχὴ τῷ
πτωχῷ LXX
Oratio pro pauperè. Tremel. & Jun.

Iste Psalmus in principio vocem Prophetæ continet ex personâ peccatoris. Hier.

Quod sensus dicamus non qui pro peccatis eramus hi versiculi dicuntur. Aug.

complaint before the LORD. This title apparently sheweth that the Prophet who first penned this Psalme, did it in the persons and for the use of any poore distressed servant of GOD. So as we thereby are taught what to pray when our sins lie heavy upon us, or when we are in any other distresse. It is expressely said that *Iohn taught his Disciples to pray*, Luke 11. 1. This questionlesse was done by prescribing unto them a forme of prayer. Whereupon when a Disciple of CHRIST had said unto

unto him, *LORD teach us to pray as John also taught his Disciples, he said unto them, when ye pray, say, Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.* As *Iohn* had prescribed a forme to his Disciples, so CHRIST doth to his: and so teacheth them to pray, as *Iohn* did his. Sundry formes of prayers were by the Ancient Fathers composed for the Churches in their daies. In like manner have all Christian Churches in succeeding ages, had their particular formes. Never had any age, or coun-

countrey more pious, pithy formes then ours, some for publick, others for private use, among which the forme here tendered unto thee hath its excellency. As it is lawfull to have such helpe, so may such an helpe be very usefull.

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Page 6o. line 1. for Kiue read Kiuer. Page 91. for Bodies read Soules.

A Prayer upon a ſolemne occaſion.

O Eternall God, moſt holy and moſt Glorious, which dwelleſt in the higheſt heavens, and with righteouſneſſe and truth ſwayeſt the Scepter of the whole world, thou that art unto the wicked and rebellious wretches a terrible Judge and a conſuming

fire, but to the humble and repentant sinners a strong tower of defence, and their exceeding great reward. We the most miserable and wretched of all thy creatures, though the most noble by creation; for they in their kinds and severall conditions doe thee honour and service, but we whom thou hast plac'd in this world for a more singular and extraordinary glorifying of thee; have not onely made our selves more vile then the baseſt creatures, and more senceleſſe in thy ſer-

ſervice then the beaſts that periſh; but have even combin'd with Satan, with hell and with all the powers of darkneſſe, to blaſpheme and diſhonour thy great name, to profane thy Sabbaths, to breake all thy holy Lawes & Commandements. O Lord wee thus ſinfull and unworthy, are here aſhamed and confounded in thy preſence; for our iniquities are increaſed over our heads, and our treſpaſſes are growne up unto the heavens, ſo that if now in thy juſt judge-

ment, thou shouldst come against us, as wee have many times, and doe daily most justly provoke thee, it had beene farre better for us wee had never beene borne; Satan would challenge us for his, we should never see thy face againe, nor the heavens, nor the earth, nor all the goodnesse which thou hast prepared for man. From the foule pollution of Originall sinne, which hath universally infected and possest all the powers and parts both of our soules and bo-

bodies as from a filthy puddle, have issued all kindes of impurities, many workes of darknesse and fearefull transgressions, both in our thoughts, words and actions. Much profanesse and hardnesse of heart, pride and hypocrisie, contempt of the power of godlinesse and godly men, a senselesse neglect of thy word and judgements, of the way to Heaven and the salvation of our owne soules. Even the best of us before our calling, wearied our selves in the vaine

pleasures and sinnefull fashions of this wretched world, being detain'd by the policies of hell, either in notorious sinnefullnesse, or onely formall hypocrisie. Wee walked with boldnesse in the way of darknesse and of death, after the devices and desires of our owne wicked heares, in much bitternesse and malice against thy children and their sincerity. Nay and since it hath pleased thee to illighten our understandings with saving knowledge, and to pull us by the power

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of thy good Spirit out of the slaverie of sinne and Satan into the glorious liberty of thy children: Our best actions and thy good graces in us, have beene fouly stain'd by privie pride and secret hypocrisie; wee many times stay thy blessings from us by our dullnesse and untowardnesse at religious exercises, and by reason wee doe not faithfully those good things which wee know, wee have the knowledge of many evill things kept from us which wee unadvisedly

commit. And whereas heretofore in our new birth, the ſins of our unregeneration have woefully vext and diſquieted our conſciences; yet ſuch is the wretchednesſe of our corrupted nature, that wee have ſometimes looked back upon them even with delight, if we have eſcap'd relapſe and backſliding, we doe not with that thankfullneſſe and cheerefullneſſe, as we ought, embrace in this happy time of grace and peace, thoſe good meanes which thou haſt ordained for our com-

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sort and salvation; So that indeed wee walke not worthy of that blessed vocation, whereunto wee are called, but by our many slips, imperfections and carelesnesse, wee bring much discomfort upon our soules, disgrace to our Christian profession, dishonour to thy Majesty, and offence to our brethren. O LORD wee beseech thee for thy holy names sake, and for thy rich mercies in CHRIST JESVS to pardon us all these our offences, and to forgive us all our sinnes knowne

and unknowne, howſoever, or whenſoever committed, ſince or before our calling, and to bury them in the death and Paſſion of our bleſſed SAVIOVR, and to hide them in His righteouſneſſe for evermore. There is no comfort to be expected to our conſcience wounded with the terrour of ſinne, either in Heaven or in Earth, in Angell, Saint, or mortall man, but onely in the ſpotleſſe juſtice of thy deare Sonne. Perſwade therefore we beſeech thee, upon a good

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ground, with plentifull assurance every one of our soules, that his precious blood was shed for our sins in particular, that wee may sensibly feele the forgivenesse of our sinnes and rejoyce in the hope of eternall life.

And for the time to come wee humbly intreate thee, to mortifie in us all sinfull affections, unruly lusts, and unlawfull desires, to subdue in us the power of sinne, and every corruption whereby Satan keepes us any way in his slaverie, or at any time

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gets the dominion over us. Save us we beseech thee from idlenesse, worldlinesse, profanesse, security and all occasions whereby thy good Spirit is grieved in us, our graces weakned, and thy great Name dishonoured. Vouchsafe us the Spirit of judgement, that wee may discerne betwixt the short span of this wretched life, and the length and breadth of immortality, that we never preferre the pleasures of sinne for a moment, and a little glory and preferment in this world,

world, before the teſtimony of a good conſcience, and that excellent waight of glory laid up in Heaven for all thy children. Make us faithfull and conſcionable in our Callings, zealous and ſincere in all religious duties and ſervices, and wiſely reſolute to ſtand for thy honour and truth againſt all oppoſition either by divels or wicked men. And ſo direct, we beſeech thee, and ſanctifie all our courſes, that for a few and evill daies in this vale of teares, wee may

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ſo ſtore our ſelves with ſpirituall comfort, with a ſound heart, with a ſtrong faith and a good conſcience, that we may ſtand firme and ſure at the day of our viſitation, and when upon our deaths bed we ſhall bee ſet upon, by the weakeneſſe of our owne fleſh, the terrors of death, the fearefullnes of the grave, and the firiest darts of Satan, we may comfortably paſſe thorow them all, in the name and power of thy Son, and be receiv'd with joyfulnes & triumph into thoſe ſacred manſi-

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ons, which he hath alreadie made ready in Heaven for all those that truly love and feare thee.

In his blessed name we powre out our soules in thankfullnesse, for all those many blessings and comforts which thou hast vouchsafed us, both upon our soules and bodies, both for this life and a better. For our health, wealth and liberty, our peace, plenty and prosperity, our food, apparell and preservation from our infancy to this very hower, and for all the good meanes of all these.

these. For the free passage of thy glorious Gospell now so many yeares amongst us, But amongst all other temporall blessings of our times, let us never forget, nor we, nor all our posterity for ever, how it pleased thee in our daies miraculously to magnifie the glory of thy mercy in our wonderfull deliverance from the most secret, bloody, and fiery plot of the Gun-powder Treason, that great astonishment of men and Angels. All these outward comforts both publicke and parti-

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cular are excellent and pretious; yet they are such as wee have common with the reprobates and those that shall never see thy face with comfort, but after a short time spent in the miserable pleasures of this vaine world, shall bee turn'd to hell and everlasting fire. Wee therefore more especially magnifie thy great name for the more speciall pledges and tokens of thy infinite love, for that it hath pleased thee to confirme and seale unto us by our effectuall calling,

ling, and the earnest of thy good Spirit, our Election to eternall life from all eternity, our particular Redemption from the powers of hell by the death of thy Sonne, and an undoubted assurance of the joyes of Heaven in the world to come. Increase in us good LORD, wee beseech thee, daily more and more this blessed assurance, which we infinitely esteeme more deare then tenne thousand worlds, by making us to grow in repentance and faith, and spirituall wise-

wisedome, and framing us to the obedience of thy Sonne in all knowledge, love and obedience.

Furthermore gracious Father, wee humbly intreate thee, with the bowels of thy tenderest compassions to be mercifull unto thy whole Church and every member thereof. Fence it mightily wee pray thee with the Spirit of truth, knowledge, and zeale and constancy, that in these worst and last daies it may make a strong resistance against the great

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maine floods of Popery, Schisme, prophaneſſe and Atheiſme.

Be gracious unto this ſinnefull Kingdome, and enter not into judgement with the horrible and cry ing ſinnes, and the many fearefull provocations thereof.

In the ſame looke downe with the ſpeciall eye of providence and protection upon our dread Soveraigne Lord, by thy grace King of great *Brittaine*, *France* and *Ireland*. Defender of the truly Catholike faith,

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and in all causes, and over all persons next and immediatly under thy Sonne CHRIST JESUS in all his Dominions supreme Governour. O LORD as thou hast enlarg'd his royall heart even as the sand which is on the sea-shore for understanding, learning and wisedome, so wee beseech thee to continue unto him a proportionable measure of holinesse, zeale and sanctification for the execution of that great place wherein thou hast set him, and the enlargement of thy

thy Kingdome here on earth. Settle his crowne fast upon his head, that he may long and religiously reigne over us in despight of all his enemies both at home and abroad. Vouchsafe all the graces of thy good Spirit unto his gracious Queene. Plant the true feare of thy great Name in the Princely heart of his Sonne, and let thy watchfull providence and thy loving mercies for ever rest upon all that royall family. Inspire his Honourable Privie Counsell, his

Nobility,

Nobility, Gentry, and Magistracy with spirituall wisedome and heavenly understanding. Leade them all into thy Sanctuary, and teach them out of thy holy Word, first and chiefly those things which concerne thy honour and glory, the good of the people which depend upon them, and lastly the comfort of their own soules at the dreadfull day of judgement, when they shall give an account of their stewardships.

Enrich we pray thee with thy best graces all the

the Reverend Bishops and Ministers of this Land, Endew them plentifully with knowledge, zeale, sincerity and discretion, that by their faithfullnesse and conscionable discharge of their duties, the many multitudes in this Land that lie in darknesse, ignorance, profanesse, Popery and Schisme may be brought to the knowledge of thy truth, into a holy obedience to thy heavenly Gospell to their owne everlasting salvation.

Blesse and be mercifull

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to both our Universities, *Oxford* and *Cambridge*. Comfort all thy distressed children whersoever, or howsoever afflicted, whither with Pestilence, Warre, Famine, banishment, sickneſſe, poverty, imprisonment, unquietneſſe of minde, vexation of conſcience, want of ſpirituall comfort, or what other croſſe or calamity ſoever it pleaſeth thee to exerciſe them with. Give them in the meane time a ſure faith in thy promiſes, and inward comfort in thy bleſſed Spirit, and

in thy good time a happy deliverance, whither by life or death, as it shall be best for thy glory and the good of their owne soules.

Lastly, gracious Father for this sacred businesse wee have now in hand, wee humbly beseech thee to blesse and sanctifie unto us at this time the preaching and hearing of thy holy Word, it is the ordinance of thy owne infinite wisedome, it is the glorious instrument which thou hast appointed for the con-

version and saluation of the soules of men. But unto us miserable wretches it hath beene many times throw the basenesse of our hearts, the secret and deceitfull corruptions of our nature, much sleepinesse and drowsinesse, but as water spilt on the ground, and even the breath of thy Ministers scattered in the aire. Forgive us deare Father all our former untowardnesse, irreverence, and unprofitablenes in these holy exercises; and now at length before we goe

downe into our graves, into black and cruell habitations, from whence we must never returne to praise thee upon earth; let us feele thy divine finger working in us effectually at the preaching of thy Word. Let us have the sence of thine Omnipotency in conquering our corruptions and temptations, that we being thorowly sanctified both in our soules and bodies, forsaking all our knowne sinnes, and labouring with sincerity to please thee in all things, may have

have our fruit in holi-
nesse, and the end ever-
lasting life. Heare us,
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A Morning Prayer for a Familie.

O Lord our God, we pray thee bee mercifull unto us, ſtirre up we beſeech thee our dull hearts, out of a true ſence of our ſinnes and miſeries, and a lively faith in Christ Jesus, and his pretious deſervings, to lift up our ſoules in prayers and praiſes unto thee.

O Lord how are we

we bound to magnifie
thy great Name for all
the loving kindnesse and
great mercies vouchsafed
us; for preserving
us this night past from
the ills and dangers,
which no doubt have
befallen many of our
brethren, as good by
nature as our selves; for
refreshing our feeble bo-
dies with quiet rest and
sleepe, and bringing us
in health, in strength and
vigour of body to see
the light of this day;
for that it hath pleased
thee to reveale unto us
the mysteries of godli-

neſſe, and ſome meaſure of ſaving truth, which thou haſt hid from many thouſands of the greateſt and wiſeſt of the world; For that thou haſt preſerv'd us from many fearfull tranſgreſſions and exceſſes of iniquity, to which our corrupt nature would otherwiſe have led us. For giving us the being of reaſonable creatures, and being borne in this bleſſed time and part of the world, when and where thy glorious Goſpell is on foot, for the continuance of our health and

strength of body, for the usefullnesse and vigour of the powers of our soules and senses, of which for abusing them, we have deserv'd ere this, to have beene fearefully deprived. For our ingenuous and godly education, for our Christian company and good counsell we have many times by thy mercies enjoyed. For thy Word and Sacraments, the glorious meanes of our conversion and continuance in grace. For many gracious mercies, by which thou hast laboured gent-

by and ſtirely to draw us unto thee. For thoſe judgements which thou haſt ſent to humble us, and to bring us to repentance. For the inlarging of our time for ſtoring our ſelves with Grace, and comfort againſt the day of our viſitation. For our freedome from many miſeries, croſſes and vexations which befall other our brethren better then our ſelves. For that it hath pleaſed thee by thine everlaſting decree out of thine owne boundleſſe goodneſſe and bleſſed pleaſure to

fewer us, from many thousand others which perish everlastingly, and to make us heires of endlesse happinesse, as we are verily perswaded, in the world to come. For preventing and following us with thy saving graces.

O Lord, we pray thee, to open our eyes daily more and more, to see and acknowledge these thy great and undeserved mercies upon us; and to enlarge our hearts sincerely and feelingly to magnifie thy great Name for the same. And

as wee humbly intreate thee upon the knees of our soules for pardon and remission of all other sinnes, so especially for our monstrous and hatefull ingratitude for thy great and many mercies towards us most wicked and sinfull creatures. We are ashamed, and confounded that so much favour and mercy and long forbearance should bee extended to such rebellious and carnall wretches as we are. For besides that naturall pollution we drew from the loines of our sinnefull

parents,

gainst, we have heaped up a great measure of actuall sinnes, since we had the use and exercise of reason, and power and ability to sinne. O LORD our GOD, we humbly beseech thee to give us a full sight of them all, and a true sense of thy great wrath & indignation against them. Let us have remorse and compunction in our hearts and consciences for them all, in our confessions a perfect hate and detestation of the least corruptions and infirmities. And bee thou

pleas'd

pleased, gracious Father, thoroughly to purge and wash our soules with the precious blood of thy deare Sonne, deliver us quite, wee beseech thee, from the guilt, horrour and damnation due unto them. And grant that hereafter wee may walke conscionably and carefully in all our waies, that we suffer no more our poore soules to bee stained with these foule pollutions we have formerly delighted in. Wee confesse and acknowledge to our shame and confusion, that wee

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have many times vowed betwixt thee and our owne soules, that wee would watch more carefully over our owne hearts, least they should breed and nourish prophane, idle and wandering thoughts and imaginations; over our talke, least wee should offend with our tongue, that wee would be more zealous and faithfull in the duties of our calling, in sanctifying thy Sabbaths, receiving thy Sacraments, hearing thy Word, in Christian conference, company, meditation

ditation and all other holy duties: but alas, all these good purposes have beene but as the morning dew, we have even in short time broken our vowes, growne cold againe, dull and formall, to the much greefe of thy good Spirit, and discomfort of our owne soules. Now LORD wee pray thee deale mercifully with us in this point, forgive our many frailties and infirmities herein; and at length thorowly sanctifie us, draw our affections from the false glo-

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ry and sinfull pleasures of this vaine world, and fasten them there, where true, sound and lasting comfort is to be enjoyed. Give us wisdom and understanding herein, that we may see and perceive those things that belong to thy glory and the salvation of our own soules, and sanctified wills and holy affections to follow and pursue them with all earnestnesse, readinesse and fervency of spirit. Let us even this day get some ground against Sloth and forwardnesse in this

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course of Sanctification. Let us store our selves with some new godly purposes and holy resolutions to doe thy will; and keepe thy righteous commandements. Fill our hearts daily more and more with all saving graces and the vertues of [illegible]. Cause us perpetually to keepe in minde, and consider that we are but as pilgrims and strangers here in this world, that wee must shortly depart hence, and never returne againe; but presently come to judge-

judgement, and receive an everlasting reward according to our workes. Weaken wee beseech thee daily more and more the power of sinne in us, let us feele it ebbe away and loose its hold and chaine in us, and strengthen in us the power of grace, the love of truth, and all spirituall comforts.

Neither pray wee for our selves onely, but for all thy deare children, fellow heires with us of everlasting happinesse in what part of the world soever they be. Lord we

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we pray thee to be continually present with them with all thy comforts and mercies, let thy good Spirit leade them into all truth, let the wings of thy providence and protection stretch over them all. And such as yet lie in prophanesse and under the shadow of death, hasten their conversion, reveale unto them the glorious comforts of grace, and let the powers of darknesse hold them no longer.

LORD be mercifull unto this sinnefull King-

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dome wherein we live, and enter not into judgement with the horrible rebellions and fearefull abominations thereof. Stay the rage of prophanesse that fearefully overflowes in all places, to thy great dishonour and griefe of thy children. Stop the crying sinnes of the time, and recover thine owne glory out of the hands of thy creatures whosoever they be. Glorifie thine owne selfe, and refresh and cheere up thy children. Prosper thy Gospell amongst us, grant it

a free and comfortable passage, send it where it is not, keepe and prosper it where it is, let thy blessings ever follow it, and thy mighty power uphold it. Oppose thy selfe against them that oppose against it, and let them know, that it is thine owne glory that is in hand, and that they set themselves against the mighty GOD of Heaven and Earth. Disburden thy Church wee pray thee of all ignorant, factious and scandalous Ministers, and plant in their roomes men of care

and consciences sensible of the great charge they have undertaken, truly fearing thee, and holding it their greatest comfort in this world to save the soules of men.

Bleſſe we pray thee our Prince and people, Magiſtrates and Miniſters, all degrees and eſtates from the higheſt to the lowest. Sanctifie and furniſh every one of them with all needfull graces fit both for the faithfull diſcharge of thoſe particular places wherein thou haſt ſet them, and that they may

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doe thee the best and vtmost service they can possibly.

Direct and guide with the Spirit of wisedome all his Counsellors, that they may chiefly and principally advise those things, which may make for the advancement of thy glory, and comfort of thy children.

Be mercifull to all Christian Families, to this familie here present, continue thy grace and mercy upon it, and let thy loving kindnesse and comforts of salvation never depart from it.

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Remember in mercy and love all mourners in Sion. Comfort all those that are any waies afflicted, binde up the broken and contrite heart with thy sweetest comforts. Give strength and life of grace to those that are babes in CHRIST, recover those that are fallen, preserve those that stand, uphold those that are declining, continue all in their first love, &c. and increase in every one of them daily more and more christian resolution, zeale and forwardnesse, that they may

glorifie thee in all their courses farre more then ever they have done heretofore.

Lastly, we pray thee be mercifull to all those, whom thou hast made, in more speciall manner, the instruments of thy goodnesse and favour unto us, all that thou hast bound unto us with any bond of nature or friendships, or any way made deare unto us, Those who remember us in their prayers, or commend themselves to our most unworthy supplications; LORD we pray thee

thee thou mercifull unto them, let the light of thy countenance shine upon them, our Religion, thy feare and love every day more and more into their hearts and soules, and let the comforts of godlinesse ever rest upon them. And grant that wee may all with one minde, heart and soule, love, feare, reverence and glorifie thy great Name; that so after a few daies, spent religiously in this vaine and wretched world, wee may live and raigne with thee

everlastingly, in the glorious and endlesse pleasures of the life to come, Heare us, &c.

Another Morning Prayer.

O LORD we beseech thee graciously to accept this our Morning sacrifice of prayers and thankes-giving, that we poore wretches offer unto thee the GOD of all glory and Majesty.

LORD take from us all dullnesse of heart, all wicked and wandring thoughts; put into our soules the spirit of prayer

with affection, zeale and fervency, that wee may rightly and reverently call upon thy great and glorious Name.

O Eternall God, most mighty and most fearefull, which dwellest in the highest Heavens, and with thy wise providence directest all things to an excellent end; I bow which art to the wicked and rebellious wretches a terrible Judge and consuming fire; but to the humble and repentant sinners a strong tower of de-

defence, and their everlasting reward. We the unworthiest of all thy creatures, though the most noble by Creation; for they in their kindes and severall conditions doe thee honour and service, but wee whom thou hast plac'd in this world for a more excellent glorifying of thee, have not onely made our selves more vile then the baseſt creatures, and more senceleſſe in thy service then the beasts that perish, but have even conſpir'd with Hell, Satan and all

the powers of darkneſſe to blaſpheme and diſhonour thy great Name, to profane thy Sabbaths, to breake all thy holy Lawes and Commandements. Wee O Lord thus wretched and unworthy are here aſhamed and confounded in thy preſence, for our iniquities are increaſed over our heads and our treſpaſſes are growen up unto the heaven, and ſo grievous are they that if thou ſhouldeſt require but the leaſt of them at our hands, Satan would chalenge us for his, and

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we should never see thy face againe, nor the Heavens, nor the Earth, nor all the goodnesse which thou hast prepared for man. The thoughts of our hearts rise up in judgement against us; for whereas they should be meditating of thy mercies and goodnesse, of honouring thee in our vocations, whereas they should be knit fast unto thy blessed Word, O LORD, they are for the most part idle, wicked, enticing, and full of the corruption of our raging con-

cupiſcence. The vanity of our talke condemneth us, for whereas our words ſhould be ſpent in defending thy honour and truth, in reprehending the horrible ſinnes of thoſe amongſt whom wee live, in giving grace to thoſe that heare us, they are for the moſt part full of prophaneſſe, wouldlineſſe and lying. The wickednesse of our deeds cry continually for vengeance and curſes upon us; for beſides our many and groſſe ſins, even our beſt actions are fearefully infected with

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privy pride and hypocrisie, whereas they should wholy and principally bee directed to thy honour and glory, they are fouly stained and corrupted with by-respects of credit, pleasure or profit. In hearing thy blessed Word, which wee should count the very crowne and garland of all our delights, we feele in our selves great want of due preparation, reverent attention, meditation and practise. In our prayers that inestimable comfort of a regenerate soule, wee are

are grievously vexed with dullneſſe, wearineſſe and by-thoughts. In all other good duties of obedience to thy holy Commandements, we want that courage, zeale and ſpirituall wiſdome, which thoſe excellent mercies thou haſt vouchſafed us require at our hands. O Lord for thy great mercies ſake forgive us theſe great ſinnes. When we looke upon the vileneſſe of our ſoules, by reaſon of theſe many tranſgreſſions, we ſee nothing before our eyes but thy heavy

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dren. We humbly therefore beseech thee, most gracious Father, to bury all our sinnes both before and since our calling in the grave of CHRIST JESUS, and hide them in his righteousnesse for evermore. There is no helpe or comfort to be had either in Heaven or in Earth, in Angels, Saints, or mortall men to our wounded consciences, but onely in the spotlesse justice of thy deare Son. Give assurance therefore we beseech thee to every one of our soules, that

that his precious bloud was shed for our sinnes in particular, that wee may sensibly feele the forgivenesse of our sins, and rejoyce in the hope of eternall life.

In His blessed name wegive thee all possible thankes, for those many mercies and comforts which thou hast plentifully bestowed upon us most unworthy wretches.

We thanke thee deare Father for our health, wealth and liberty; for our peace, plenty and prosperity; for our food

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and apparell; for our preſervation from our cradle to this howre, and all the good meanes of theſe; but more eſpecially for the more ſpeciall tokens of thy great love; for theſe we have common with the reprobates, and thoſe which ſhall never ſee thy face with comfort, but after a ſhort time ſpent in the miſerable pleaſures of this vaine world, ſhall be turn'd to hell and everlaſting fire. We thanke thee for chuſing us before all worlds to be heires of Heaven and

and Citizens with thy Saints. We thanke thee for confirming unto us our Election by our effectuall calling. O happy be that blessed time, when thy good Spirit put the first motions into our hearts to become thy children. This is the blessing wee infinitely esteeme before al worldly comforts, and wherein is the preciousnesse of all true joy and contentment. O most loving and gracious Father, we beseech thee goe forward with the worke of this our New-birth that thou

thou hast begun in us, and never take away thy hand unto the day of JESUS CHRIST. Thou hast promised, that whom thou hast loved once, thou wilt love for ever, and thou art without all shadow of change, and sooner shall the mountaines bee cast into the Sea before one jot of thy gracious promise fall unto the ground, or one title of thy Word be unaccomplisht. Take from us therefore wee beseech thee all privy pride and hypocrisie, all vanity

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and vaine-glory, all dulnesse, backwardnesse and security in thy service, which hang so fast on, which cleave so close unto our soules, and fearefully hinder us in the course of godlinesse, but above all things let us never fall backe againe into the grosse and horrible sinnes of our unregeneration. Reveale unto us we beseech thee all our sinnes, give us tender consciences and a continuall increase in spirituall wisedome and heavenly understanding, untill we come unto that hap-

happy ſtrength by which the world is crucified unto us and wee unto the world, and bee able to ſay out of the powerfull feeling of thy goodneſſe upon our ſoules, with thy bleſſed ſervant *David*, GOD *is our hope and ſtrength and helpe in troubles ready to bee found, Therefore will we not feare though the earth bee mooved, and though the mountaines fall into the midſt of the Sea. Though the waters thereof rage and be troubled, and the mountaines ſhake at the ſame.*

Good LORD bee mer-

mercifull with the bowells of thy Fatherly compassions unto thy Church, and every member thereof. Be gracious unto this sinnefull Kingdome, and enter not into judgement with the horrible sins thereof. And in the same looke downe we beseech thee, with the speciall eye of providence and protection upon the excellent instrument of thy glory our most gracious Soveraigne. Give him the spirit of zeale, wisedome and government, that he may long and religiously

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raigne over us in despight of all his enemies both at home and abroad. Blesse all his Counsellors, both our Universities, *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, the Nobility of this Land, the Gentry, all inferiour Magistrates, all Judges and Justices of Peace, those that are imployd in fighting thy battells either by Land or Sea. Give to every one a spirit to his calling. Leade them all into thy Sanctuary, and teach them out of thy holy Word first and chiefly those things

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which concerne thy honour and glory, the good of the people that depend upon them, and lastly the salvation and comfort of their owne soules at the dreadfull day of judgement, when they shall give an account of their stewardships. Enrich wee beseech thee with many graces of zeale, faithfullnesse and sincerity the Ministers and Preachers of thy holy Word; blesse their labours that some good may come of them, increase their number, place over every

every Congregation a faithfull and religious Watchman, that may go in and out before thy people in soundnesse of doctrine and uprightnesse of conversation. Touch the hearts of the many multitudes of this Land, that at length they may turne unto thy truth, and so be delivered out of the tyranny and power of Satan, to the freedome of thy deare Son CHRIST JESVS our LORD. Give successe, good LORD, and prosper all those which in their good purposes

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ſeeke the preferment of thy truth by good and lawfull meanes.

Bleſſe all them that thou haſt joyned unto us with any bond of love, kinred, or acquaintance, all thoſe whoſe hearts thou haſt ſtird up to doe us good any manner of waies; and thoſe alſo which wiſh and worke us evill if they belong unto thee.

Comfort O Lord with thy ſweeteſt comforts all thy children which are vexed either in ſoule, or body, whether by Peſtilence, Famine,

mine, Warre, poverty, imprisonment, sickneſſe or baniſhment: trouble of conſcience, vexation of ſpirit, diſquietneſſe of minde, want of ſpirituall comfort, or whatſoever kinde of affliction of body, or mind thou doſt try them with. Give them in the meane time faith in thy promiſes, and comfort in thy Spirit, and in thy good time a happy deliverance, whether by life or by death, as it ſhall be beſt to thy honour and glory and good of their owne ſoules.

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But especially as we are bound at this time, we humbly intreate thy loving kindnesse and tender mercies, for our poore afflicted brethren and sisters here about us in *London*, *Oxford*, and many other places of this Land. O LORD stay thy revenging hand; Though wee bee but wormes and dust, yet thou art our Creator, and we the worke of thy hands. Thou art our Father, and wee thy children, Thou art our Shepheard, and we thy sheep, Thou art our Redeemer

and wee the people whom thou haſt bought, Thou art our GOD, and we thine inheritance. Forget not therefore O LORD to be gracious, and ſhut not up thy loving kindneſſe in diſpleaſure; turne thee againe at the laſt, and bee gracious unto thy ſervants.

And grant wee beſeech thee that theſe great judgements may effect and worke that for which they were ſent, even true humiliation, and undiſſembled repentance, that we all tur-

turning unto thee in truth and ſincerity, thou maiſt turne unto us with thy mercies and everla-ſting compaſſions. And whereas we whom of thy great goodneſſe thou haſt thus long time ſpa-red, are as deepe as thoſe whom the Plague hath conſumed. Wee beſeech thee make us wiſe by their afflictions, and ſo informe us in thy feare; that we may frame the reſt of our life in all holy obedience accor-ding to thy will.

Laſtly moſt gracious LORD, wee humbly

beſeech thee to take us this day under the ſhadow of thy wings. Let thy Omnipotency be a brazen wall unto us, let thy mighty hand and ſtretched out arme encompaſſe us, let thy carefull providence watch over us, and thy bleſſed Angels pitch about us. And ſith wee now enter into the affaires of this day, let not we beſeech thee the delights, benefits and honours of this life enſnare our ſoules, or make a breach into our conſciences: for theſe weake and carnall comforts

forts will never follow us unto the darke places, but when wee ſhall ſit downe in the duſt, and ſay unto corruption thou art our father, and to the worme thou art our mother and ſiſter, then they will all leave us; nay they will turne to worme-wood and bitterneſſe. Sanctifie we beſeech thee our thoughts, knit them faſt unto thy holy Word, and the neceſſary buſineſſes of our vocation. Keepe, we pray thee, in a ſanctified moderation all the affections of our

hearts, and ſtirre our paſſions that none of them breake out upon us either to diſhonour thy Majeſty, diſquiet our owne conſciences, or diſgrace our Chriſtian carriage. Let all our words be ſeaſoned with grace, religion and charity. Let every action into which we ſhall enter this day or ever hereafter, be juſt and lawfull, and in them bleſſe us with ſincerity of heart, with a godly end and good meanes. O Lord, we beſeech thee give us the ſpirit of judgement,

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that wee may discerne betweene the short span of this wretched life, and the length and breadth of immortality, that wee never esteeme the pleasures of sinne for a moment, before eternall and everlasting joyes, but even count the best things of this world as dung, as vanity and nothing, nay as worse then vanity and lesse then nothing, for the winning of CHRIST JESVS, and that excellent waight of glory laid up in Heaven for all thy servants. Worke

in our hearts wee beſeech thee a perfect deteſtation even of our ſweeteſt and leſt ſinnes; let us ever looke upon them in their true nature, and greateſt ouglineſſe, as accompanied with thy heavie diſpleaſure and fearefulleſt judgements; that wee may loath them as a Serpent, and ſo ceaſe for ever to offend thee in them. And whereas wee are every day afreſh to enter combat, not with fleſh and blood, but with the Prince of darkneſſe, the rulers of the ayer,

ayer, the ſpirituall craftineſſe and pollicies of hell; vouchſafe us wee beſeech thee the compleate armour of true Chriſtians. The breſtplate of righteouſneſſe, the helmet of ſalvation, the ſword of the Spirit; but above all the ſhield of faith, that wee may manfully fight againſt our corruptions, that we may quench all the fiery darts of Satan, tread the malicious Serpent under our feete, and at our laſt and greateſt fight in godly triumph and through the might and

and merits of our Captaine JESVS CHRIST, may say with gladnesse and joy, O death where is thy sting, O hell where is thy victory. And in the meane time, for as much as every day wee step neerer our grave, and approach neerer unto thy presence, and that great and fearefull judgement before thy throne, even for our idle words and wandring thoughts, give unto us we beseech thee every day a new grace, a new strength in the course of regeneration,

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more full assurance of the remission of our sins, till with a wise heart, we have such a feeling of the glory of GOD, and of eternall life, that wee make up our account with the world, and bee at a point with all that is under the Sun. And sith at that day we must answer not onely for the sinnes of our owne persons, but for many sins of those that depend upon us, if we labour not to bring them unto GOD; for sinnes committed by our ill example; for sinnes that we have

have seene and heard in others, and have not grieved & religiously reprehended them. Lord we beseech thee give us an exact and precise care over all our waies; over our generall calling of Christianity and those particular callings wherein thou hast placed us. And let us never be hindered or discouraged in any good thing by the profane and malicious reproaches of wicked and carnall men, and the many oppositions of Satan; and the rather because to us it is

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a blessed marke that we are translated out of darknesse into light, and that we will not runne with them unto the same excesse of ryot: but to them it is a token of perdition. For why should we, good LORD, for the vaine and unjust censures of mortall wretches turne from thee for this little inch of time, and hereafter receive everlasting confusion.

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A Generall forme of Prayers and praise.

LORD prepare our dull and unprepared soules to powre out our petitions with humility, zeale and reverence unto thy great Majesty. LORD make our hearts as mountaines of myrrhe and Incense to send up prayses and thankes-giving to the Sanctuary where thy honour dwelleth.

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MOst mighty and most glorious God, thou that inhabitest eternity, and dwellest in the light that no man can attaine unto; at whose terrible presence the mountaines melt away and the Angels hide their faces, yet our most gracious and mercifull Father in CHRIST JESVS, vouchsafing from the height of Heaven to looke upon us vile wormes and dust with the eye of tender compassion; wee thy wretched and sinnefull ser-

ſervants, heires of corruption, children of wrath, ſonnes of diſobedience; doe in the name and mediation of thy deare Sonne our bleſſed Saviour proſtrate our ſelves before thy throne of grace and mercy-ſeate, begging and craving at thy hands pardon and remiſſion for all our ſins. LORD they are moſt grievous and manifold, moſt horrible and intollerable. To the originall corruption of our ſinfull nature, wherein we were conceived, we have added all kindes of

of actuall transgressions. All the time before our calling wee gave our selves to wantonnesse, to worke all uncleannesse even with greedinesse, we drunke up sinnes like water, and fed upon iniquity as the horse-leach on corrupt bloods, we drew iniquitie with cords of vanity, and sinne as with cart-ropes. All our thoughts, words and deeds were menstruous, filthy and abhominable, nothing but a slavish service of the world, the flesh and the divell; since our calling when we

we ſhould have beene moſt pure, ſincere and ſanctified, we have ſinned grievouſly, although not notorious to the world, yet horribly before thine eyes in privy pride, hypocriſie, dullneſſe, ſecurity, want of zeale and forwardneſſe in thy ſervice; nay LORD we have had many fearefull backſlidings into our groſſeſt ſinnes, &c. ſo that now they are become as many in number as the Starres in Heaven, as great as the mountaines, as red as ſcarlet; for

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CHRIST JESVS his ſake, for thy infinite mercies ſake, and for thy holy Names ſake, bury them all in the bleſſed and bloody wounds of our deare SAVIOVR, that they never riſe up at the dreadfull day of judgement to give teſtimony againſt our ſoules to our utter confuſion. Hide them all in the bottomeleſſe Ocean of thy endleſſe mercy that they die out of thy remembrance everlaſtingly. And ſend we beſeech thee into every one of our ſoules that hap-

happy and heavenly assurance of the remission of our sinnes, whence springeth joy and contentment most precious and unvaluable, infinite more worth then ten thousand worlds.

LORD wee blesse, praise and magnifie thy great and glorious name, for all those great mercies, benefits and comforts, which our of thy immeasurable bounty thou hast plentifully bestowed upon us.

First and chiefly wee humbly thanke thee, for that it hath pleased thee

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of thy meere favour and love to elect us before the foundation of the world, to be heires of thy immortall Kingdome, for creating us after thine owne image, for redeeming us with the precious blood of thy deare Sonne, for calling us into the glorious liberty of thy sons, for justifying us, for sanctifying us with thy holy Spirit, for the joyfull hope of glorification in the world to come. Confirme unto us we beseech thee these great and incomparable blessings

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the face of this earth enjoyed, that ever thou bestowedst on thy dearest children. For when wicked men and all the world, as thou knowest, expected that this Land should have beene clothed with fiery persecutions, bloody warres, and all manner of calamities as with a garment; Thou that sittest in Heaven, and laughest the vaine plots and devises and wicked men to scorne, against all expectation hast covered it with peace, joy, plenty, prosperity, the free pas-

sage of thy Gospell, as the seas are covered with water. Put we pray thee into the heart of every one in this Land a true and continuall thankfullnes, a godly and religious resolution to serve thee in holines and righteousnes all the daies of their life. And LORD we beseech thee continue that good worke that thou hast begun, and let him and his posterity in thy feare and true religion, if it be thy blessed pleasure, sit upon the throne of this Land, so long as the Sunne and Moone endureth. Let his

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Scepter long flouriſh in his hand, and ſet his crowne faſt upō his head. O mightily preſerve him from all the ſonnes of violence and miſchiefe. Let all thoſe that with forraine invaſion attempt the deſtruction of his perſon, and deſolation of this Land become like *Iabin* and *Siſera* that periſhed at *Endor*, like *Zeba* and *Zalmunna* that became as the dung of the earth. Let all unnaturall practiſes, and home-bred conſpiracies periſh as the untimely fruit of a woman and never ſee the

Sun; Inflame his royall heart with true zeale, and love of thy blessed truth, and as thou hast enlarged his kingdomes, so give him a princely and religious courage to enlarge thy Kingdome, and utterly to confound all Heresie, Schisme and the kingdome of Antichrist. Blesse all his privie Counsellors with wisedome from above, that they may put these things into his heart, which chiefly concerne thy honour and glory, the good of thy Church, the safety of his Person

and quiet of this Land. Bleſſe with ſeverall graces all inferiour Magiſtrates, that they may all faithfully and religiouſly diſcharge the ſeverall places wherein they ſtand. Bleſſe all his people with religion and loyalty, the Miniſtery with learning, zeale and ſincerity. O LORD go out with his Captaines and men of warre that fight thy battels.

We thanke thee alſo deare Father for bleſſings more particularly concerning us, for delivering us from Popery,

Idolatry, and Superſtition, and illightning our underſtanding with thy bleſſed truth. Confirme it we beſeech thee unto us daily more and more, that if need require, we may confirme it with our deareſt bloods.

We thanke thee for giving us a taſte of the powers of the world to come. Crucifie we beſeech thee unto us continually the luſts and corruptions of our ſinnefull fleſh, that the graces and comforts of regeneration may daily receive in us ſtrength and perfection.

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We thanke thee for remooving from over our heads thoſe heavie judgements and violls of thy wrath, that our crying ſins have continually called for from Heaven; even all diſeaſes and infirmities of body, all terrours and vexations of conſcience, all civill deaths and torments, all ſhame and confuſion; even that the earth ſhould have opened his mouth and ſwallowed us quick, the water drowned us, the fier conſumed us, vengeance from Heaven overtaken

us, thy other creatures devoured us. Grant we beſeech thee that hereafter by ſound and undiſſembled repentance, and by a godly life wee may abandon them and the feare of them for evermore.

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An Evening Prayer.

WE thanke thee moſt mercifull Father for our health, wealth, food, raiment, preſervation from our cradle to this hower; for thy releeving us in all our needs and neceſſities, for comforting us ſo fatherly in all our tribulations and diſtreſſes, for ſparing us ſo long a time of repentance and for infinite more bleſſings which

neither our hearts can thinke, nor tongues expresse.

Now one thing deare LORD will we beg at thy hands, and that will we crave for evermore, that thou wouldst give us grace and power by thy blessed Spirit to direct and dispose all these excellent blessings both eternall and temporall, chiefly and principally to the honour of thy great Name, to the salvation of our soules, and the good of thy Church. And to this end roote we beseech thee out of

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our ſoules all pride, malice, envy, covetouſneſſe, ſelfe-love, hypocriſie; take from us all ſwearing, lying, vaine and unprofitable talking, all thoughts of Atheiſme, Infidelity, uncleaneneſſe, all the menſtruous filthineſſe of our abhominable nature. And plant we beſeech thee and ingraft deepely into our ſoules the true feare of thy glorious Name, true humility, true zeale and devotion, true ſorrow and repentance for all our ſinnes, true ſpirituall wiſdome and heavenly

ly understanding, true hope and charity; but above all things a true, strong and a lively faith truly to apprehend the death and Passion of our deare Saviour, and in particular and effectually to apply it to our sinfull soules. LORD make it ever powerfull and invincible, but especially in all times of our crosses and afflictions; but LORD make it most triumphant and glorious even at the hower of death, at our last visitation, when the divell shall set before the eyes of our soules

soules the blacke and ougly catalogue of all our sins, and when hee shall prepare his firiest darts to wound our soules to death, O then let the light of thy heavenly countenance shine upon us, O then let thy blessed Spirit comfort us with his sweetest comforts, let the fresh bleeding wounds of our deare Saviour appeare gracious and effectuall to our distressed soules.

Blesse good LORD, protect and defend thy Church wandring farre and wide over the face of

of the whole earth. Let thy mighty hand and ſtretched out arme encompaſſe it, let thy Omnipotency bee a brazen wall about it; leade it we beſeech thee into all truth, concord and ſincerity; ſave it from all ſchiſmes, errors and hereſies; mightily fence it from bloody Tyrants, helliſh Atheiſts and mercileſſe Polititians.

Comfort we beſeech thee all thoſe that bee comfortleſſe, and diſtreſſed with ſorrow, need, ſickneſſe, impriſonment, baniſhment, ſlanderous tongues,

tongues, or any other croſſe or calamity. Eſpecially good LORD, ſpeake comfortably unto them in whoſe ſoules are the arrowes of thine indignation, and the venome thereof drinkes up their ſpirit, thoſe that groane under the burthen of a vexed conſcience, and thoſe that ſuffer perſecution for the teſtimony of thy truth. LORD give them faith, patience and conſtancy to abide their triall, and a joyfull iſſue to all their temptations.

And as at this time we are

are bound wee humbly intreate thy tender mercies and loving kindneſſe for all thoſe in this Land that thou haſt heavily viſited with the Plague of Peſtilence. For CHRIST JESUS ſake if it be thy bleſſed pleaſure command thy Angell to ceaſe from ſtriking, put up the ſword of judgement, which in great wrath and indignation thou haſt drawne out againſt them. And LORD in the meane time give them joy and comfort in thy holy Spirit, that howſoever they be

be ſtrangely and feare-fully tormented in their body in this life, yet they may be aſſured of eternall happineſſe in the life to come. And teach we beſeech thee both them and us by thy holy Spirit to take a right view of all our ſins, the true cauſes of thy wrathfull diſpleaſure, and faithfully to repent for the ſame. And ſo much the rather O LORD, becauſe the reprobate and ſuch as thou forſakeſt cannot praiſe thee nor call upon thy Name, but the broken heart, the ſorrowfull

mind and a conſcience hungring after righteouſneſſe ſhall ever ſet forth thy praiſe and glory.

Laſtly moſt loving Father we beſeech thee take us into thy defence and protection this night, let thy carefull providence watch over us, let thy bleſſed Angels pitch about us, preſerve us from all perills and dangers, from all the aſſaults of Satan, from vaine, idle, and wicked dreames. Grant unto our bodies comfortable reſt and quiet ſleepe, but let our

our ſoules continually watch for the comming of our Saviour in the clouds to end theſe laſt and worſt daies. Amen, even ſo come LORD JESUS, that we with thee and the reſt of thy Elect may joyfully and triumphantly aſcend unto the heavenly Jeruſalem, there to enjoy fullneſſe of joy and pleaſures at thy right hand for evermore.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

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A Prayer before a Sermon.

O Lord, prepare our dull and unprepared hearts with feare and humility to enter the presence of thy great and glorious Majesty.

O Most gracious God, our loving and mercifull Father in Christ Jesus. We thy poore and sinfull servants most humbly beseech thee, at this time to blesse, and san-

ſanctifie unto us the hearing of thy holy Word, it is the glorious inſtrument which thou haſt appointed for the converſion and ſalvation of the ſoules of men. But unto us miſerable wretches and full of pollution, it hath beene many times through the barrenneſſe of our hearts, the ſecret and deceitfull corruptions of our nature, but even the breath of thy Miniſters ſcattered in the ayre, and as water ſpilt upon the ground; Whereas it might be unto ſome being

ing humbly and reverently received, as a two edged sword, that would enter through even unto the dividing asunder of the soule and the spirit, and of the joynts and the marrow, that would breake in peeces their hard hearts, and strike their conscience with terrour and remorse for their sinnes, a necessary step to regeneration. And whereas it might be unto others a precious restorative to repaire the ruines of their conscience, and to put life into their dead zeale and

and affections, graciously to enforme them in all the parts of their callings; it is but even as a witnesse of our coldnesse, senselessenesse and unthankefullnesse, registred in the booke of our conscience against the day of our visitation. LORD wee beseech thee out of thy tender compassions to forgive us all our former untowardnesse, irreverence and unprofitablenesse in these holy exercises. And now at length before wee goe downe into our graves,

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into black and cruell habitations, from whence wee must never returne to praise thee upon earth, let us feele thy divine power working in us effectually at the preaching of thy Word, let us have a sence of thy Omnipotency in in conquering our corruptions and temptations, let thy powerfull Spirit stirre up our hearts, and quicken our affections to embrace the power of religion and true godlinesse, that so being freed from sinne by the blood of

CHRIST, and forſaking all our knowne ſinnes, and labouring ſincerely to pleaſe thee in all things, wee may have our fruit in holineſſe, and the end everlaſting happineſſe.

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A Prayer before Sermon.

MOst mercifull Father we humbly beseech thee to give every one of us grace to let these things sink deeply into our hearts. Blesse we beseech thee our wills and affections with sanctified desires to entertaine them, our memories with faithfullnesse to retaine them, our mindes with serious meditations to digest them, our

our hearts with fervency and prayer for thy blessings upon them, our lives with practise and piety to profit by them. LORD we see clearely that all our pleasures shall die and perish, that our honours shall be laid in the dust, that our gold and silver shall canker, and the rust of of them shall be a witnesse against us at the last day, that outward performances of religious duties without inward sanctification, shall have their portion with Hypocrites in the lake

which burneth with fire and brimstone. Where then shall appeare the lyar, the swearer, the drunkard, the profaner of the Sabbath, the uncleane person, the proud, the idle, the malicious, the careleſſe in his calling, even without timely and ſound repentance, in the bottomeleſſe pit of the loweſt hell. O then we beſeech thee, gracious Father, to vouchſafe us in time wiſe and underſtanding hearts, the ſpirit of judgement to diſcerne betweene the ſhort ſpan of this miſera-

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vile life, and the length and breadth of eternity. Let us now at length make a through and deepe search into the state of our soules and consciences, and if wee find that we be not yet possest of that inward sincerity and true happinesse, let us for ever hereafter, with greatest fervency, earnestnesse and contention of spirit hunger and thirst, labour and strive after saving grace, the power of religion and true godlinesse, that so for ever and evill dayes, we stand wisely

and resolutely for thy honour and truth, and with comfort and courage running the race of sanctification, may bee provided and furnished with assurance of glory, clearenesse of conscience, strength of faith against the day of our visitation, that when we shall lie downe upon our deaths-bed, and wee know not how soone, we may be able to meete with the fearefull temptations of our sinnefull flesh, the fiery darts of Satan, to encounter with the pangs of death, and

terrours of the grave, and so passe with joyfullnesse and triumph to those glorious mansions of light and blessed immortality with thee in the highest heavens.

Lastly Gracious Father, for this present holy businesse we have now in hand; we humbly beseech thee to let thy blessings bee mightily upon thy Word at this time, that it may pierce and enter through to the dividing asunder of the soule and the spirit, of the joynts and the marrow, and to discover the

very thoughts and intents of the heart. Keepe we pray thee out of our hearts and heads all troubles, cares, wanderings, humours, passions, prejudice, distractions, deadnesse or whatsoever other cursed let shall be suggested by the divell, or our owne wicked hearts. So sanctifie unto our soules this holy ordinance of thine, that we may handle and heare it with all feeling power and reverence as the Word of thee the true and everliving God, and as that by which we must

must be judged at that last dreadfull day. Make it to be a Word of conversion and enlargement to all them that are yet in the snares of the divell & waies of death: but of strengthening, encouragement and comfort to those that are already thine, that so by thy mercifull blessing it may prove unto every one of us, the savour of life unto life, and thy mighty power unto us for salvation, and that for the LORD CHRIST JESVS his sake: In whose glorious Name and me-

dication we beg these and all other needfull blessings, concluding in his owne prayer, *Our Father, &c.*

O LORD heare us in these our weake requests, and grant them unto us, and all other things necessary for us, for our bodies, our soules, our callings, or this present action, and for every member of thy Church; wee beg them all in the name and mediation of CHRIST JESVS thy Sonne and our onely SAVIOVR, to whom with thee and the holy Spirit, be all praise and power, and might,

might, and dominion and thankesgiving ascribed at this time and evermore hereafter, *Amen.*

BLessed are all they that heare the Word of GOD, beleeve it and doe it. The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD the Father in him, and the most comfortable fellowship, helpe

helpe and communion of GOD the HOLY GHOST, be with us all, blesse us, preserve us and keepe us, and every member of his Church in faith, a good, quiet and peaceable conscience, the rest of this day and evermore hereafter.

Grace

Grate before meate.

LORD GOD who hast created all things for the use and comfort of man, and man for thy owne glory; Make we beseech thee these thy creatures wholesome for our bodies, and us thankfull for them for CHRIST JESVS his sake.

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A Prayer before Sermon.

MOst holy and righteous Lord God, we humbly and heartily thanke thee for our preservation this night past, pardon it, we beseech thee unto us the sinnes thereof; And now prepare and sanctifie us, for a right and comfortable serving of thee in this morning sacrifice, and holy duties we take in hand. Illighten our mindes

mindes and inlarge our hearts by thine owne good Spirit, that wee may rightly conceive of the great mystery of grace and true meaning of thy holy Word, that we treasure it up in our memories with an holy greedinesse, and after walke by the strength thereof, with all fruitfullnesse and power in all thy waies, all the daies of our life, and that for thy Christ his sake.

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A Prayer after Sermon.

O Lord our God, thou cleerely seest and beholdest from Heaven, what hearts we now bring into thy glorious presence from the businesse of this day, how full of earthlinesse, deadnesse, listlesnesse and unfitnesse to speake unto thee. Wee pray thee for Christ his sake to possesse, quicken and sanctifie them by thy blessed Spirit, that they may bee ever feeling and fruitfull in these

these holy exercises. Make us every day more and more wise, with all thy Saints and elect children unto our eternall salvation in the right understanding, beleeving and obeying of thy blessed Word, and great mystery of godlinesse, in JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

An Evening Prayer most profitable in time of warre or invasion.

O Lord our God, high and mighty, great and fearefull, which dwellest in the highest Heavens and light that no man can attaine unto, which by thy great power hast created Heaven and Earth and all things therein contained, and by thy wise providence di-

directest every thing unto excellent end. If thou shouldest deale with us in justice, wee deserve to bee plagued with all the horrible and fearefull plagues of Egypt in this world, and hereafter to be perpetually damned, both in body and soule in the lake of hell fire, where there is nothing but endlesse woes, weeping and gnashing of teeth. If there bee any sinne we have not committed, it was because we wanted meanes, opportunity, enticement, temptation,

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vation, or something, not for want of a sinfull disposition in us. If thou shouldest deale with us, as we have deale with thee, we should bee presently damned eternally. If thou shouldest be as careleſſe of us, as we have beene of thee, and the ſalvation of our ſoules, we ſhould never ſee thy face in Heaven.

O Lord ſtrike our hearts with a true ſight and ſence of all our ſins.

O Lord perſwade our hearts, that ſince thou didſt not curſe and damne

damne us, when we lay wallowing in horrible sinnes, thou wilt not now cast us away when wee are converted, &c. Thou wilt rather pitty us for our infirmities then condemne us for them.

Perswade our soules by that good experience we have had of thy goodnesse that thou wilt be our God for ever. Let us not so much feare and abhorre the punishment and guilt of sin, but also the power and tyranny, whereby we are enforced so offend so loving and so gracious a Father. Give

Give us soundnesse of knowledge, purity of heart, holinesse of life, contempt of the world, conquest over our sinnes, the comforts of thy blessed Spirit, a joyfull expectation of our deliverance from sin and sorrow. The spirit of meeknesse and wisedome, the spirit of courage and constancy, the spirit of love and joy, and of a sound mind.

Let us be just in our dealings, conscionable in our callings, mercifull, courteous.

Let us so comprehend the

the glorious ſtate to come, that we may bee willing to bee diſſolved and to bee with Chriſt.

Lord grant that in the middeſt of a darke world, we may ſee the brightneſſe of thy Heavenly Kingdome, and in this weake tabernacle of ſmall continuance, we may know the dwelling place, which wee ſhall have for ever in the reſurrection of the juſt.

Thou that haſt the iſſues of death in thy hand, I beſeech thee in mercy ſet before mine

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eyes alwaies the remembrance of thy judgement seate, and my last end, whereby I may be daily stirred up to consider in what great danger I stand through the horrible punishments due unto my sins.

Set before us the shortnesse of our owne life, the vanity of all things we enjoy, the excellent waight of glory prepared for all those that love thee, the plagues of the wicked, that great account we must make at our death, that great and terrible day, that having

these things in our sight wee may not put our hands to any iniquity.

O Lord at this time goe out with the Armies of thy Saints, and that fight thy battells in the whole Christian world. Pardon we pray thee and passe by all their and our sinnes: Helpe us to repent, to renew covenant with thee, and to feare before thee, that they may more cheerefully, courageously and successively defend their righteous cause. But infatuate we beseech thee the counsells,

fells, and ſtrike faintneſſe into the heart of al them, that lift their hearts or ſwords againſt the kingdome of Jeſus Chriſt.

And now find out and call to account the blaſphemies, idolatries, cruelties and inſolencies of thine and our adverſaries, and all the blood of the Martyrs of JESUS CHRIST which they have ſpilt as water upon the ground. And if they will not returne unto thee, returne it now O LORD GOD of recompences into their boſomes in fury and in

jealousie. Make them like a wheele, &c. *Psal.* 83.13.

Thou hast promised ever to helpe thy people in the needfull time of trouble, even now LORD is the season for thy succour. And therefore we pray thee for JESVS CHRIST his sake to stirre up thy selfe like a man of warre against all those boisterous and railing *Rabsakees*, that band and combine themselves to put out the glory of Israels, or any of thine anointed. And give us LORD in the meane time

time pittifull, compassionate and fellow-feeling hearts over the wofull calamities and miseries of thy people in these parts, that we may powre out our hearts more fervently unto thee, and give thee no rest untill for thine owne names sake thou become glorious in giving deliverance and victory unto thy poore humble servants, that trust in thee alone, and call upon thy name.

O Lord of Hosts, God of Israel, which dwellest betweene the

Cherubims, thou art very GOD alone over all the kingdomes of the earth, thou hast made the Heavens and the Earth, Encline thine eares O LORD and heare, Open thine eyes O LORD and see the blasphemies and bloody desolations which thine and our enemies have cruelly brought upon thine owne people.

O LORD put on the garments of thy just indignation for clothing.

O LORD tread downe our enemies in thy wrath, and make them

them drunken in thine indignation, and bring downe their ſtrength to the earth.

O Lord we are all as an uncleane thing, and all our righteouſneſſe as filthy rags, and wee all do fade as a leafe, and our iniquities like the winde have taken us away.

Riſe up O Lord, and let thine enemies be ſcattered, and let them that hate thee, flee before thee. Returne O Lord to the many thouſands of Iſrael, *Numb.* 10. 35.

Let thy people eate

up the Nations their enemies, and bruiſe their bones, and ſhoote them through with their arrowes, *Numb.* 24. 8. That in our ſongs of praiſe and ſolemne thankeſgiving hereafter thy whole Church may joyfully ſing and ſay, It was not our owne arme or our own ſword, O Lord God of Hoaſts, that did ſave us, but thy right hand, and thy holy arme, and the light of thy countenance, becauſe thou didſt favour them, *Pſal.* 44. 3.

O Lord, though our ini-

iniquities testifie against us, deale with us according to thy Name: for our rebellions are many, we have sinned against thee.

O thou hope and holy one of Israel, the Saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why art thou as a stranger in the Land, as one that passeth by to tarry for a night, &c. *Ier.* 14.9.

See *Daniels* Prayer, *Dan.* 9.4. &c.

O Lord God destroy not the people of thine inheritance.

O Lord our God, thou

an God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, mighty and terrible, which acceepteth no persons nor taketh reward, &c. *Deut.* 10. 17. &c. with all reverence and lowlinesse of spirit, we acknowledge, adore, and onely rely upon thy greatnesse, thy mighty hand and stretched out arme, *Deut* 11. 2.

And finally we most humbly thanke thee, for that it hath pleased thee to keepe us this day, and all the daies and times of our lives; beseeching thee that thou wouldest receive

receive us this night into thy holy keeping, that we may have quiet rest, not of bodies alone, but of our bodies also resting from all those things, that are contrary to thy most holy will, attending whilst thou raisest us up in the morning, to doe all those things that thou hast appointed us.

Grant that we laying our bodies downe to rest, may be thereby put in mind of our long rest of death: that as we do now lay downe our bodies in bed, so we may be

be thereby admoniſhed, that hereafter they ſhall bee laid downe in the grave, to be conſumed to duſt, earth and aſhes, from whence they were taken; that we having this before our eyes may bee ſtirred up in mind warily to walke in this our pilgrimage, not knowing when the time ſhall be of our departure, but alwaies to be found ready with our lamps of pure faith clearely burning, that we may be accepted to meete the Bridegroome, when our Saviour ſhall call us to judge-

judgement at the laſt day.

LORD we deſerve that thou ſhouldſt leave us to the vileneſſe of our owne hearts, and to the corruptions we nouriſh in them, and ſith wee have ſo often neglected and abuſed thoſe good meanes which thou haſt ordained for our comfort and ſalvation, wee even deſerve that thou ſhouldeſt take them quite from us, or turne them to be curſes unto us; we deſerve that thou ſhouldeſt ſay to the ignorant, be ignorant ſtill, to the filthy,

filthy, be filthy ſtill, to the malicious be malicious ſtill, &c. till we have fild up the meaſure of our iniquities; ſo that at length thou mighteſt have a full ſtroke at our deſtruction, &c.

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The Preachers Prayer.

GRant that thy Word may bee delivered according to the true meaning of thy Word, as it is left unto us by thy holy Prophets and Apostles, that it may be divided with conscience, wisdome and discretion; with all plainenesse and evidence, to the capacity of those that are most simple amongst us. And blesse we beseech thee our

our conceptions and memories that we conceive a right use of those things that shall be delivered, and retaine them in our mindes with full purpose of heart to put them in practise, &c.

O Lord bee mercifull unto us, pardon and forgive us all our sinnes, our many abuses of thy great benefits and mercies, especially of thy holy Word, passe by we beseech thee our many

many infirmities and weaknesses. Sanctifie unto us at this time our hearing, reading and conferring of thy sacred Word. Blesse our conceptions and memories, that we may rightly conceive it, and reteine it in our minds with full purpose of heart to practise it in our lives and conversations. Range into order our worldly and wandring thoughts, that we may with reverence and attention receive it, meditate of it and lay it close unto our hearts, that so by thy good

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blessing we may bring
forth much and good
fruit.

A thanksgiving for the Kings return out of Spaine, and a prayer for his prosperitie.

AND as we are specially and extraordinarily bound at this time, wee humbly and heartily thanke thee, for the safe and comfortable returne of our gracious Prince CHARLES. It hath beene from thy great mercy and good-

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neſſe, that thou haſt gone in and out before him, and walkt by him in his moſt dangerous journey, and kept him in all his waies. That thou haſt beene a brazen wall and fiery pillar about him, both by Land and Sea, and preſerv'd him, from every hurtfull ſnare both of ſoule and body, and broughtſt him with peace and comfort againe unto his Fathers houſe. Bleſſed and bountifull LORD GOD, we heartily praiſe and magnifie, we humbly admire and adore, the length,

and breadth and height and depth of thy free grace and love therein to thy Church and Gospell and all that are true of heart. Enlarge our hearts, we pray thee, with all heartinesse and truth to blesse thy great and holy Name, the fountaine of all blisse, the author of all our good, the well-spring of immortality and life wherein we live and move and have our being, both naturall, spirituall and eternall. And good LORD goe on with that glorious and happy worke of blessing

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him ſtill, ſo ſettle and eſtabliſh the feare of thy great Name and truth of our bleſſed Religion in his Princely heart, that he may ſtand therein like Mount Sion, and never be removed. So guide and direct, by thine own mercifull hand all thoſe great affaires, which any waies concerne him, and with wiſdome from the breſt of the everlaſting counſell of the LORD JESUS, that hee may hereafter prove a glorious and renowned Inſtrument for the advancement of the Goſpel

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of JESVS CHRIST, that the heavenly lampe of thy blessed truth may shine faire and pure upon us all our daies, and afterwards upon our children, and childrens children to the worlds end, and the comming of JESVS CHRIST the second time.

A Prayer for wholesome and seasonable weather.

STay thy wrath most gratious Father, wee humbly intreate thee in this heavie judgement that is growing upon us by this unseasonable weather. Thou hast richly loaden and crowned the earth with abundance of thy goodnesse and bounty. Add this mercy we pray thee, to give a convenient season

ſeaſon to gather it in comfortably. We confeſſe and acknowledge before thee, we farre rather deſerve that thou ſhouldſt raine downe fire and brimſtone upon our heads for our many horrible ſinnes, that great one the contempt of thy Word, which makes us worſe then Sodomites, then that thou ſhouldeſt anſwer us in this our deſire. But wee beſeech thee in mercy make us firſt ſenſible of thy juſt diſpleaſure, to be humbled to the heart root, to part from all our evill

waies, and to seeke thy face and favour extraordinarily, and then returne unto us in thy wonted compassion and love.

An visitation of the sicke.

WE confesse unto thee, mercifull Lord God, that out of the consideration of our owne many pollutions and imperfections, and the glorious purity of thy holy nature, wee finde and feele ourselves

most unworthy, and very fearefull to speake unto thy Majesty, either for ourselves or others: yet because it hath pleased thee to give us a commandement and charge to performe this duty of praying one for another, and having a gracious promise annexed of prevailing with thee, if our prayers be faithfull and fervent. We are bold here upon the knees of our soules, with all the instancy and fervency our poore dull hearts can possibly to increase thy favour and mercy, for

thy ſervant our deare Chriſtian Brother that lies here amongſt us upon his bed of ſickneſſe under thy viſiting hand. Oh bleſſed LORD, we humbly beſeech thee for thy CHRIST his ſake, thy holy Names ſake, thy infinite mercies ſake, thy covenant ſake to looke downe from Heaven upon him with the eye and affection of tender-heartedneſſe & love Let the loving countenance and cheerefull face of JESVS CHRIST ſhine comfortably upon him, let the powerfull

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presence of thy sanctifying spirit possesse his heart wholy with all the graces of salvation, and blessings of Heaven, let the word of thy grace put quickning life and sanctifying power into his soule, that it may be raisd from earth and sin to rest and peace in the bosome of thy compassions. Deale with him, we pray thee, as thou usest to deale with those whom thou fashionst and frames for the joyes and pleasures of the life to come.

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unto him this present sicknesse, let it by thy blessings upon it breake and plow up his heart soundly and thorowly to search and to try his waies, that so out of the abundance of his feeling, he may powre out a most plentifull and sincere confession of his sinnes before thee, and groanes and sighs and desires unutterable for pardon and remission of them all in the blood of thy Sonne.

Let it we pray thee beget and bring forth in him those blessed effects and happy ends, which

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in such cases thou art wont to worke upon the soules of holy men and women. Let him upon this occasion bee truly humbled under thy mighty hand, with sight of his owne vilenesse, frailty and sinfull miseries, that from thence may spring in him an unfained and longing desire after CHRIST, and comforts of salvation. Let him shake off all carnall security, dependance or confidence upon the arme of flesh, or upon any glory and vanity in this life. Let his

repentance upon this occasion be performed unto thee with more sincerity, universality and thorowneſſe then ever heretofore.

A Prayer when any dyeth neere unto death.

O Merciſull Lord God; upon the knees of our ſoules, and from the ground and bottome of our hearts wee humbly beſeech thee, that wherein ſoever

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Satan hath any waies blinded him, or his own heart deceived him, or how farre soever the image of CHRIST hath beene defaced and decayed in him. All his omissions of good duties, all his defects and wants in faith, repentance, prayer, obedience, &c. or whatsoever, I say wee most humbly beseech thee to forgive and pardon them all for the passions sake of thine onely Sonne. Whatsoever at any time since hee had his being, he hath either thought, or said, or done

amisse, doe it away deare LORD, as though it had never beene, and drowne it for ever in the bottomeleſſe ſea of thine owne mercy. Thou haſt promiſed by thy Prophet *Iſa.* 44. 22. that thou wilt put away the tranſgreſſions of thy people like a cloud, and their ſins as a miſt. Now we pray thee let the inflamed heate of thy everlaſting love ſhed thorow the bloody wounds of thy Son, and ſhining through the Sonne of righteouſneſſe upon his ſoule, diſperſe and diſſolve into no-

nothing all his iniquities, transgressions and sins. Thou hast promised by thy Prophet *Micah* 7.19. That thou wilt cast them all into the bottome of the Sea. Now blessed LORD GOD, we pray thee, as that mighty host of *Pharaoh* sunke into the red Sea like a stone, so that neither Sonne of man, nor Sun of Heaven ever saw their faces any more; so let all his sins bee swallowed up for ever in the red sea of CHRIST JESUS his blood, that they never show their faces against

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to his ſhame, diſcomfort or confuſion.

Thou haſt told us with thine owne mouth, that thou inhabiteſt eternity, and dwells in the high and holy place, and yet with him alſo, that is of a contrite and humble ſpirit, to revive the ſpirit of the humble, and to give life to them that are of a contrite heart; we humbly intreate thee for CHRIST JESUS his ſake, that thou wouldeſt make good this promiſe to his thy ſervant, to the utmoſt ſweetneſſe and comfort thereof.

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O blessed LORD GOD, let thy glorious presence shine into his heart with all those sweet refreshings, with which thou art wont to fill those happy soules which depart in thy favour and at peace with thee. Let the pretious deservings and saving blood-shed of CHRIST JESUS appeare fresh unto the eye of his faith: And let the blessed Angell ministring Spirits to thy chosen, at thy appointed time carry his soule with peace and comfort into the bosome of thy glory. O

O Lord he is now going the way of all flesh, and his habitation is removing from him like a Shepheards tent. Helpe now Lord in this time of need. Comfort him, we beseech thee, with all the strength of Heaven. Thou hast within the rich treasury of thy mercy, thine own tender hearted bowells of compassions, the invaluable blood shed of thy deare Sonne, the innumerable comforts of thy good Spirit, the precious promises of life, and all the joyes of Heaven,

ven, and he hath a poore soule that hungers and thirsts and longs for thy mercy and favour, before all the world. O LORD our GOD wee humbly pray thee crown that soule of his with them all. Let thine own omnipotent hand encompasse him, let the strong arme of the Sonne of GOD mightily protect him from all infernall power, let the Spirit of all comfort raise in his heart those heavenly raptures and sweet exultations of spirit, which are wont to fill the soules of

of them which are ready to lay hold upon a crowne of life, let thy blessed Angels at thine owne time, carry his soule into the bosome of *Abraham*, there to raigne with thee in rest, and joy thorow all eternity.

A Prayer in time of Plague.

O LORD our GOD, remember us wee pray thee in mercy concerning that heavie and sore judgement of the Plague of Pestilence that

that fearefully walketh in darkneſſe, and wafteth at noone day, which thy juſt wrath hath kindled in the chiefe City of this Kingdome. Wee pray thee, good Father, to bleſſe us with care and wiſedome to meete thee now at firſt with truly remorſefull and repentant hearts, both for our own perſonall ſinnes, and the crying abhominations of the times: Let us ſeeke thee with fervency and truth in daies of humiliation and faſting, and cry mightily unto thee that ſo turning all unto thee with

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unfained repentance and sincere resolution to amend, thou maist in mercy heale our Kingdome, and turne thine indignation away from us.

A Prayer in time of Plague.

MOst gratious God, such by thy good providence we are met together at this time solemnly to humble our selves, and afflict our soules in thy glorious presence, and before thy pure eye, we humbly beseech thee to give unto

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every one of us ſpirituall ability, and the ſaving aſſiſtance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may all doe it unfainedly, fruitfully, effectually, in the name of JESUS CHRIST.

O Moſt mighty, and bleſſed LORD GOD, our ever loving Father in JESUS CHRIST. We poore wretches, thy unworthieſt ſervants, do heere humbly proſtrate our ſelves, our ſoules and bodies before thy Throne of grace, acknowledging from

from our hearts, that we are the vilest of all Thy Creatures, by reason of our manifold, and hainous sins, we are defiled and polluted in every power and part both of body and soule, to the very heart roote, and from the beginning of our being, we laid at first a bloudy foundation with *Adam* in Paradise, which utterly undid all mankinde, and had our hands in that horrible rebellion, which brought all mischiefs and miseries, all sinne and sorrow upon all the sonnes and daugh-

daughters of *Adam* from the Creation to the end of the world, yea and all those Hellish woes and tortures which shall lie upon damned soules everlastingly. O LORD strike our hearts with remorse for This sin, of which we take so little notice, that we may bee humbled for it, all the daies of our life; Wee came into this world very sinkes of all impurity, concupiscence, and filth, we brought with us understandings starke blinde in all heavenly things, wills stubborne,

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froward, rebellious to every good word and worke: Memory sinfull and defiled: hard and stony hearts, raging and bedlam passions, earthly and sensuall thoughts and imaginations, dead and guilty consciences; eyes full of Adultery, wantonnesse, and wandrings, eares open to all rotten and ribald talke, tongues set on fire by hell, hands full of iniquity, feete ready to carry us to all manner of villany, and vanity: even bodies and soules ingrafted

grafted into the cursed communion of the Divell, and wicked spirits, by reason of that originall corruption, and crookednesse which we drew from the loines of our sinfull Parents. And this hereditary masse of naturall filth, lurkes in our natures like venome and poison, which makes us odious and abominable in thy sight before wee were able to sin: when wee had power to serve the Divell, it broke out upon us into as many fearefull transgressions and abominable lusts, as could

could possibly proceed from so impoysoned a fountaine. And since that time, good Lord thou knowest we have borne our selves like Traytors and rebells against thy holy Majesty: we have actually transgrest all thy blessed Lawes and Commandements, every manner of way, in thought, word, and deed: fearefully wounding our consciences, greeving thy good spirit, and treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath.

O Lord wee have gric-

grievously sinned against Thee, by contempt of thy Word, The crying sinne of this place: by Atheisme, ignorance, prophaneneſſe, unbeliefe, diſtruſt of thy providence, carnall ſecurity, pride, hypocriſie; By fearleſſneſſe, and forgetfullneſſe of thy great Majeſty, Love of this world, and putting from us the evill day: by impatiency, diſcontent, inward Idolatry in preferring ſome Creature before the mighty LORD of Heaven and Earth: By the groſſe neglect, or

wicked abuse of all the parts and kinde of thy Divine Worship: Pretious and powerfull are those heavenly Ordinances of thine. Thy Word preached or read, prayer, meditation, conference, vowes, fasting, use of good bookes, good company and the like, some of those have been utterly neglected by us, others quite mard by formality and sloth.

We have highly dishonoured thy Majesty, by taking thy great name in vaine: In want of due esteeme, and an holy use of

of thy Titles, Attributes, Ordinances, Creatures, Workes of justice and mercy abroad in the world.

We have fearefully polluted thy Sabboths, and profaned all thy Ordinances upon those blessed daies.

And as we have thus wickedly neglected thy Worship and Service in the first place, so wee have beene justly given over to beate our selves wretchedly, and unworthily towards our brethren: we have behaved our selves unthankfully

to our Superiours: proudly to our Equals, unmercifully to our Inferiours.

Though it may bee we have kept our hand from the grosse act of murder: yet LORD thou know'st our tongues have beene swords, and our hearts full of blood.

We have beene defiled with all manner of abominable lusts in our inward parts.

Our noble spirits that can never die, have been basely chained downe to the earth; and kept in a wicked and dunghill slavery, and bondage to

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the world and worldly things.

In our tongues we have beene guilty of a world of wickednesse.

But above all, our hearts have beene restlesse fountaines of all ill: innumerable litters, and swarmes of vaine, vile, filthy Thoughts, affections, and desires have continually bred in them; very thorough-faires have they beene for Satans impure suggestions, to walke up and downe in: in regard of malicious thoughts, very slaughter-houses; in regard of un-

cleane lusts, very stewes, and brothel-houses; in regard of the heate of boyling concupiscence, very hot-houses, and as the Prophet *Hos.* 7. 4. speakes, like a bakers Oven. And LORD our GOD, these are but the heads of our sins: The branches, streames, and particulars are infinite, able to sinke us into the bottome of ten thousand hells: And that which makes our sinnes a great deale more sinfull, wee have wretchedly and stubbornely committed them against many meanes

meanes of sanctification; against the ministery of thy Word; against many Sermons and gracious invitations; against the motions of thy Spirit, the checks of our conscience, the light of our knowledge; against our vowes, and promises, Thy many farther corrections, great mercies, and miraculous patience.

Good Lord wee beseech thee to open our eyes, that wee may see the length, and breadth, the height and depth of this our wofull misery: The least of all

our sins without repentance may justly bring upon us all manner of plagues and judgements in this world; dispaire and horror upon our beds of death, and everlasting misery and torment in the world to come. What height of horror then, and depth of hell doe all our fearefull pollutions, and provocations all our life long deserve at thine hands?

Now good LORD our GOD helpe us, and for the blood of CHRIST give unto every

every one of us before thee this day; true, and saving repentance, unfained godly sorrow for them all. Let them all now come into our mindes, and be represented to the eye of our conscience, as so many fiery Scorpions, out of which, except we take as it were the stings, by turning from them, while it is called to day; they will sting hereafter with everlasting horrour. Let us looke upon them, as upon so many foule feinds, (sin made the glorious Angels damned

spirits) how foule then doe they make us, who are sons and daughters of *Adam*? Let us behold them as so many foule and bloody instruments of CHRIST his death, and cruell cut-throats to our owne soules, &c.

Let us cast our eye also upon thy pure eye, and infinite indignation against sin: by considering how in thy fierce wrath thou threwest downe so many glorious Creatures from Heaven. How thou cast *Adam* and *Eve* for eating the forbidden fruit out of

Paradise, drowndest the whole world, Curfedst *Sodome* and *Gomorrah* as it were with hellish flame upon earth into ashes, cast off thine owne people who had beene so deare unto thee: puts sometimes a guilty enraged conscience even into an hell above ground, and hast created and provided the never dying worme, and unquenchable fire, even all the torments in hell, for impenitent sinners.

O LORD let these considerations, of the foulenesse of our sinnes, and

and the fearefullneſſe of the curſe due thereunto; but above all the beholding of JESUS CHRIST, dying and bleeding uponthe croſſe; make every one of our hearts to breake and burſt and bleede within us for them all: That wee may heartily, and abundantly mourne over him whom wee have pierced with them. And then moſt mercifull Father we humbly beſeech thee be graciouſly pleaſed to open upon us the bleſſed fountaine for ſin and for uncleanenesſe,

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even the blood of that Immaculate Lambe JESVS CHRIST the holy and the Righteous: Breake thine own sweete Name which is to forgive iniquity, transgression and sin, as a sweete perfume upon our broken hearts, and let our poore soules cast themselves for ever, with a lively and fruitfull faith into the armes of JESVS CHRIST for everlasting safety, and for ever cleave to all the promises in thy blessed Booke, as to the surest Rocke, and let the soundnesse of the

the Truth of this our cleaving unto Christ, be hereafter testified, and manifested, by an hearty abandoning of all sin; by all the workes of piety, justice, mercy, and truth, by a sincere respect to all thy Commandements, by a fruitfull partaking of all thy Holy Ordinances, by a spirituall performance of all Christian Duties, by a constant growing in all heavenly graces; and comfortable going on in the path that is called Holy unto our dying Day.

And Lord our God,

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we being thus sincerely humbled, truly comforted and reconciled unto thee in the face of Christ; we humbly beseech thee to enable us by thy might, to cry mightily unto thee for pardon, and reformation of the sins of this Kingdome, which are many and hainous, and have provoked thee many a yeare; and to prevaile with Thee in Christs Name, for favour, and mercy upon all our deare brethren and fisters that are now groaning under thy visiting hand.

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Good Lord wee beseech thee upon this occasion, and blessed opportunity strike through the heart of every one in this land with a true remorse, and godly sorrow, both for his owne personall sins, and all the crying abominations of the time: That so we all turning unto thee with unfained repentance, and sincere resolution to amend, thou mayest in mercy command thine Angell to cease from striking, heale our land and turne thine indignation away from us. It

It is a heavy judgement, and horrible sickneſſe, which devoures now and eates up thy people in our chiefe City: And is fearefully ſcattered in many places abroad: It is called thine hand, thy ſword, the ſtroake of thine Angell, the ſnare of the Fowler, the noyſome Peſtilence, the terrour by night, the arrow that flieth by day, the deſtruction that waſteth by noone-day, and walketh in the darkneſſe. O Lord our God, ſet us be humbled proportionably to the extraordinary

dinary terror of thy heavie hand.

Thou Lord art acquainted with the anguish of all hearts, with the griefes, and groanes, the necessities, and wants of all distressed ones. And all those poore soules that are still afflicted under thy mighty hand, with the grievous Pestilence in any part of this Kingdome, die in a most sinfull comfortlesse, and desolate state, ordinarily they are destitute of all outward comforts; they want the Physitians both of soule and body;

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the presence, and comforts of their friends, neighbours, and all those who are dearest unto them. They are vexed with the rage of a horrible disease, assaulted with the fearefull sight of all their sinnes, the pangs of death, and terrour of thy dreadfull Tribunall, we humbly beseech thee most mercifull Lord, to ease, comfort, succour, and relieve them all, farre above that which we can either thinke, or speake in their behalfe.

Especially Holy Father,

ther, we pray thee blesse every one of them, with a right, and holy use of this thine heavy hand upon them, give them saving sorrow, and true repentance, the blood of thy Sonne, pardon of all their sins, perswasion of thy love, peace of conscience, patience to endure their great extremities; and a full recompence of all their outward desolations, with the sweete, and inward consolations of thy blessed Spirit. And so sanctifie good LORD this sore judgement to the whole

whole Kingdome, that we may all come from under thy visiting hand, as gold out of the furnace, refined from the drosse of our corruptions, and filth of sin, and so fitted and sanctified for the more sincere and glorious service of thy great Majesty unto our dying day.

O Lord our God, thou beholdest now from Heaven, what hearts we bring now into thy glorious presence, how full of deadnesse,

neſſe, earthly-mindedneſſe, liſtleſneſſe, and unfitneſſe to performe any holy duty with heavenly minds and ſpirituall affections, we pray thee to ſtirre them up, and quicken them by thy Holy Spirit, that they may bee ever feeling, and fruitfull in the uſe of all the Ordinances, give every one of us ſpirituall ability, and helpe from Heaven, to goe through it with life, and power effectually and pleaſingly to thy great Majeſty in the name of CHRIST.

Another Prayer for confession of sinne.

O Eternall God, great and fearefull, strong and mighty, yet mercifull, and gracious, long-suffering, abundant in goodnesse, and truth: keeping mercy for thousand, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin: we poore wretches, vilest creatures doe heere humbly cast downe our selves, at the foot of thy great

great and glorious Majesty, acknowledging from our hearts, that we are most unworthy to come into thy presence, or to call upon thy dreadfull, and Holy Name. For thou art a GOD of infinite Majesty, and glory, and dwellest in light that no man can attaine unto, and we are vile wormes, dust, and ashes, dwelling in houses of flesh, and Tabernacles of clay, wherein we can doe nothing but sin. Thou art a consuming fire, and we are even as stubble before thee,

thee, ready to bee devoured by thy fierce wrath, if thou shouldest deale with us, as we have deserved. Thou art a GOD of pure eyes, and canst not behold iniquity, and we are encompassed, and laden with all manner of pollutions and sinfullnesse. Besidethat bloudy rebellion with *Adam* in Paradise, and cursed Leprosy of Originall sin, which hath universally corrupted all the faculties and powers of body and soule, filling them with all Hellish poyson, con-

fusion and proneneſſe to ill, The whole world hath beene worſe for us, ſince wee came into it, There is nothing in Heaven or in Earth, but ſo farre as in us lay, we have polluted, wronged, diſhonoured and abuſed it one way or other.

1. We have villanouſly ſtroke at the Apple of thy pure eye, Holy Father, many and many a time, with filthy thoughts, abominable luſts, and fearefull provocations, we have preſſed thy mercies, even as a cart is preſſed which is full

full of sheaves, we have shamefully abused the riches of thy goodnesse, forbearance, and long-suffering, leading us to repentance.

2. We have dishonoured thy deare Sonne, by despising him in his Ministery, neglecting his many gracious invitations, persecuting him in his members, and shedding his bloud in the Sacrament.

3. We have grieved thy good Spirit, by putting backe his holy motions, or smoothering them by worldlinesse,

lusts, and earthly delights.

4. We have vexed thy blessed Angels, so much as in us lies, besides many other waies, even in this house of thine, with unreverence, drowsinesse, sleepinesse, and the like, where they are beholding with delight the misteries revealed in the Gospell.

5. We have wofully abused all thy creatures, they should have ministred to us continuall matter of heavenly meditation upon thy greatnesse, and goodnesse,

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power, and providence, &c. but our earthly minds have made no such holy use of them, but wee have covetously and sensually abused them to our owne ends, and carnall contentments.

6. Even this Kingdome, gratious Father, wherein we have beene borne, and bread, and enjoyed many good things, hath beene much worse for us; For we have had our hands L o r d thou knowest in pulling downe upon us, this horrible sicknesse of the plague of Pestilence, and other

judgements, both temporall, and ſpirituall: and without true, and timely repentance, are likely enough to haſten the deſtroying ſword, and beſome of deſtruction to make an end of us.

7. We have abuſed all thy fatherly corrections, and chaſtiſements laid upon us in love, and for our good, they ſhould have brought forth in us the peaceable and glorious fruits of Righteouſneſſe, but they have rather begot murmuring, impatiency, and diſcontentment.

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8. We have abused thy mercies, which have beene heaped abundantly upon us above measure, and without number, even to increase our security, and presumption and forgetfullnesse of the evill day.

9. We have abused the most gracious, and glorious day of visitation that ever any people enjoyed upon earth: passing over it very unprofitably, like sons, and daughters of confusion, not gathering any such stock and store of grace, against our ending houre

as we might plentifully have done.

10. We have abused all thy blessed Ordinances, those heavenly conduits of all spirituall blessings, grace, and comfort: By our unpreparednesse before, irreverence in the use of them, fruitlesnesse, and want of practise afterward.

11. We have wretchedly abused our owne bodies, and soules, by abandoning them to the service of Satan, and making all our members instruments of unrighteousnesse to sin. Feare-

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fully were they infected with Originall sin at first, but we have made them much more sinfull by our actuall transgressions ever since; we have added a great deale of folly in respect of the mystery of CHRIST: every way LORD thou knowest we are become exceeding sinfull.

We humbly intreate thee in the name of the LORD JESVS to illighten our mindes, and open our eyes, to see the length, and breadth, the height, and depth, of this our sinfull misery, for

which thou mightest justly bring upon us all the curses in thy booke, and all the torments in hell, and in the meane time plague us with giving us over to more hardnesse of heart, blindnesse of minde, deadnesse of conscience, slavery under our lusts, a reprobate sense, and to be finally sealed up with the spirit of slumber against the day of vengeance, which are farre worse then all the plagues of Egypt.

1. Thou mightest Holy Father even thine owne

owne selfe for our many dishonours, and disobedience against thee draw that sword against us, that would eate flesh and drinke blood: suffer that wrath to be kindled in thy bosome against us, which would burne unto the bottome of Hell: come against us as a Beare robbed of her whelps, and rent the caule of our hearts, and teare us in peeces like a Lyon when there is none to helpe.

2. Thine owne deare Sonne might for ever deny us his pretious bloud,

bloud, to wash away the least staine from our sinfull soules.

3. Thy Holy Spirit might never more put any motion into our hearts.

4. Thy blessed Angels might take no more charge over us, or be ministring spirits unto us for our good, but leave us as a prey to that roaring Lyon, and his damned Angels.

5. All the Creatures might come justly armed against us, with their severall stings and rage to make an end of us, for rebelling

rebelling against thee their Creator.

6. This Kingdome wherein we live, might justly fall into the mouth of some horrible confusion, and we inwrapt in the miseries and desolations thereof.

7. All crosses, afflictions, and thine angry visitations upon us might be unto us the very beginnings of Hellish paines.

8. Thy many mercies unto us which should leade us unto repentance, might onely serve to fit us against the day of

of slaughter.

9. The day of our gracious visitation might end, and the Sun set upon the Prophets.

10. All thy blessed Ordinances might bee unto us the savour of death unto death.

11. Our bodies and soules might bee most justly cast into the bottome of Hell, there to be tormented with the damned for ever and ever.

O LORD our GOD, we humbly beseech thee for the LORD JESUS his sake, let a serious consideration of this our sinfull-

sulnesse and cursednesse breake our stony hearts into peeces, make them burst and bleed within us, and good Lord our God, we being thus sincerely humbled, let us get faster hold upon the Lord Jesus by with a stedfast and fruitfull faith then heretofore; by a stedfast looking upon him, and all his sufferings, and satisfactions, from his comming from thy bosome untill his returning unto thy right hand againe: by survaying all the promises of of life sealed with his blood:

blood: by cleaving to his sweetest name: which is to forgive iniquity, transgression and sin: and resting our selves with a thankfull, and joyfull acknowledgement upon that blessed mystery of his free grace, which reacheth from everlasting to everlasting, &c.

A Thankesgiving.

MOst mighty and most glorious Lord God of Heaven and Earth, our light and life, our Sun and shield: the strength of our hearts, and our portion for ever. Thou art the Author of all our good, the fountaine of all our blisse, the well-spring of immortality and life, wherein we live, and move, and have our being, even our

our naturall, ſpirituall, and eternall being. And therefore to thy great and glorious Majeſty, we render from the bottome of our hearts, all poſſible praiſe, and thankeſgiving, for all thoſe glorious mercies, and richeſt favours which thou from time to time, haſt abundantly and plentifully vouchſafed unto us moſt rebellious, unthankfull, and undeſerving wretches.

We thanke thee for the well-head, and firſt fountaine of them all, thy love towards us, and of all

all our good every way, even the good pleasure of thine own good will, thy free grace, and that mercy that reacheth from everlasting to everlasting.

We thanke thee for putting us into this world in the best, and blessed part and time thereof. We might have beene borne, and lived in the time of the flood, and so beene drown'd and damn'd, or within the compasse of that almost foure thousand yeares betweene the Creation and the coming

ming of CHRIST, out of the partition wall, and so have had no meanes or ordinary possibility of salvation. But have lived, and dyed in cursed Paganisme, and Heathenish Idolatry; we might have lived in that darke and damned mid-night, and have beene choakt with the doctrine of divels: wee might have lived at this time of the world, but amongst Turks, Pagans, Infidels, where wee should never have heard savingly of JESVS CHRIST: It's thy infinite

infinite mercy wee have beene borne, and bread, and brought up in this happy time of the world, and blessed corner of the Earth, this illightned Goshan, where we have enjoyed or might have enjoyed, the glorious Gospell of our blessed GOD with such purity, power, and peace.

We thank thee blessed GOD for making us reasonable Creatures, capable of grace and immortality. Thou mightest have let us lie for ever in that abhorred state of being nothing, and

and wee ſhould never have diſhonoured thee: Thou mighteſt have made us of thoſe Angels that are become wicked ſpirits, and then we had beene irrecoverably loſt: Thou mighteſt have made us Toads, or Tygers, vermine, or any vild thing: and we ſhould never have prooved ſuch Traytors, and rebelle againſt thee as we have beene.

O Lord, we praiſe thee, that thou haſt made us of thy nobleſt Creatures, and given us underſtandings like the Angels

gels of God, so that if we be not cursedly cruell to our owne soules, they may be saved everlastingly by the meanes that we enjoy.

We blesse thee Holy Father, for thy Fatherly care of us, being yet in our mothers wombe, wonderfully, and fearefully made: For that miraculous mercy in bringing us into this world, and giving us leave to see this light. For thy gratious watching over us while wee hung upon our mothers breasts, since that time

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for thy mercifull continuance to us of our life, health, liberty, outward meanes, the use of our wits, limbs, senses; for all the good wee have had by good yoake-fellowes, good Parents, good children, good servants, good neighbours, good governours, or any of thy good creatures, for every step we have made upon this Earth, every bit of bread we have put into our mouthes, for every draught of aire we have drawne into these fraile bodies, and blessings more then heart can thinke,

thinke, or tongue tell; and which we can neither possibly remember or expresse.

Above all, we of this place are bound to praise thy goodnesse most mercifull GOD, for that most incomparable Jewel, that ever this world had, or sons of men enjoyed, the Ministery of the Word, and meanes of salvation, the discovery of the mystery of CHRIST, and revelation of all thy blessed counsells. By the power whereof so many amongst us, as have truly

tasted how gratious and glorious thou art in CHRIST, doe blesse, magnifie, and admire, the bottomelesse depth, and infinite height of thy free grace, for our happy conversion from Satan to the living GOD, for our change from nature to grace, a greater and more glorious work then the Creation of the world, wherein thou hast improved thine owne infinite mercie, the invaluable merit of thy Sonne, and the mighty worke of the HOLY GHOST, to make us of

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limbs of the divell members of CHRIST, O blessed be that happy time, that ever we were so new borne.

Wee thanke thee for pardoning all our sins, the least of which would have damned us everlastingly: for renewing upon our soules the blessed image of the LORD JESVS, the least glimpse whereof is infinitely more worth then the whole world.

We thank thee for the LORD JESVS, and every drop of his pretious blood, and all other

ſweetneſſe wee finde in him; for thy good Spirit, and his gratious preſence and reſidence in our ſoules; for thy bleſſed ſelfe, and all the ſweete Communion we have with thy holy Majeſty; for the prayers of thy children, Communion of Saints and the Interceſſion of JESUS CHRIST.

We thanke thee heartily for any power or conqueſt thou giveſt us at any time over our ſins; for all our ability to doe thee any ſervice, in any part or kinde of thy worſhip;

ſhip; for all thoſe afflicti-
ons and temptations
which thou haſt ſanctifi-
ed for our ſpirituall
good; for all the ſweete
and heavenly dewes of
ſpirituall joy, which thou
haſt at any time ſhed in-
to any of our hearts,
from the throne of grace
by the influence of thy
holy Spirit.

Bleſſed GOD, wee
thanke thee infinitely for
thoſe glorious manſions
of reſt, for our everla-
ſting bleſſings and peace
purchaſed for us, with
the blood of CHRIST:
for every moment of

eternity in the highest Heavens; where wee shall fully and for ever enjoy pleasures without end and past imagination. O blessed Joyes! O blessed Eternity! O everblessed God!

Furthermore gratious Father, wee heartily praise thee for all those publique favours and blessings, which in great mercy thou hast from time to time vouchsafed unto this Kingdome, wherein we have had a large and comfortable part.

We thanke thee good Father

Father for the happy deliverance of this Kingdome from the fiery and bloudy times of Queene *Mary*; for raising up Queene *Elizabeth*, who raised Religion as it were by a miracle from the dead: for all her miraculous deliverances from the cruell conspiracies of the bloody Papists, especially that in 88. For all her blessed daies, wherein so many Holy Saints were sent to Heaven.

We thanke thee mercifull GOD, for delivering us from the rage

and bloud of that day so long looked for by the Papists, at Queene *Elizabeths* death; for the quiet and happy succession of King *Iames* of blessed memory, and all the peace and prosperity, and freedome from Popery, and the destroying sword, especially the Powder-plot.

We thanke thee, Father, most heartily, for the gratious setling of King CHARLES in the Royall Throne, for his life and safety, and the happy daies we enjoy under his blessed raigne:

raigne: and that thou hast put into his royall heart to give us this blessed liberty, and glorious opportunity, thus to humble our selves, and afflict our soules in publique before thy glorious Majesty. We humbly intreate thee in the name of CHRIST let every one of us receive at thy bountifull hands grace and power to doe it unfainedly, effectually, and savingly. For that purpose let thy blessings fall abundantly from Heaven upon every soule here present, by the Mi-

niſtery of thy Word, ſettle faſt we pray thee by the finger of thy Holy Spirit in our memories, judgement, affections, hearts and conſciences, all thoſe points of Holy Truth with which wee have beene acquainted with this day, that by thy mercifull bleſſing they may prove thy arme and power to every one of us for our ſalvation, for the converſion of thoſe who are yet uncalled, and the ſetting forward of thoſe that are already thine, in the waies of life, all holy converſation, and neerer com-

communion with thy blessed Majesty.

At last we cannot but reflect with compassionate hearts upon the grievous miseries and bleeding sorrowes of all our brethren and sisters afflicted with the plague of Pestilence. Thou art a pitifull GOD, full of tenderneſſe, meltings, and compassions; thou art the Father of mercies, and GOD of all comforts; now we humbly intreate thee for thy deare Sonnes sake, for thy infinite mercies sake, for thy holy names sake,

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of all thy loves unto the LORD JESUS, and that with all the earneſtneſſe and fervency our poore dull hearts can poſſibly: that thou wouldeſt bee pleaſed to caſt downe thy compaſſionate eye upon them all, ſtay the hand of thy deſtroying Angell, ſpare them good LORD, deſtroy not the people of thine inheritance, put up we pray thee thy arrowes into thy quiver, and thy ſword into the ſhearh, now at the joynt ſupplications of all thy deare children who are in this King-

Kingdome, who are even now wrastling with thee with all fervency of spirit, let our poore prayers, and all theirs, even now meeting at the throne of grace, bee mightily strengthened and tendered unto thee by the intercession of the LORD JESVS, and pull downe speedily upon us this mercy and gratious deliverance, that we may praise thee for evermore.

Lastly blessed LORD we humbly beseech thee to pardon in mercy all those corruptions, infirmities,

mities, faylings, defects and imperfections which have beene mingled with these holy duties, sprinkle all our services, sacrifices and persons with the blood of that immaculate Lambe JESVS CHRIST, the holy and the Righteous: accept them and us graciously in him in whom thou art well pleased, in whom thy soule doth infinitely delight.

And so good Father we put our selves under the wings of thy gratious providence, for our safety and preservation, and

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our ſoules into the hands of the Holy Ghoſt for our further Sanctification, and finall ſalvation in the name of JESUS CHRIST, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, even to thee holieſt Father, to thee deareſt Saviour, to thee ſweeteſt Spirit, be aſcribed eternity, infiniteneſſe, and everlaſtingneſſe of glory and praiſe world without end.

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The Authors private Prayer.

O My good and mercifull LORD GOD, moſt holy and deare Father in JESVS CHRIST, I the vileſt of all thy creatures and the worſt that ever thou madeſt, by reaſon of mine owne horrible ſins, doe here come unto thee upon the bended knees of my bleeding ſoule to intreate thee and beg at thy hands

hands with all the instancy and fervency my poore, dull, cold heart can possibly for pardon, grace and mercy, for favour, compassion and abundant forgiveneſſe. O Lord my God, thou knoweſt me full well, and thorowly, even to the bottome of my heart and beginning of my being: for beſides that I came into this world loaden with an heavie burden and confuſed Babell of crookedneſſe and corruption, in every part both of ſoule and body: thou knoweſt what

what a curſed confluence of all manner of pollutions, filthineſſe, uncleaneneſſe, ſtrange abomination, abominable luſts, and every villanous corruption that is wont to ſpring out of our impoyſoned nature, made my poore ſoule a very ſinke and Sodom before I was converted.

Reckon up here unto God particulars, out of abundance of feeling, with a plentifull and ſincere confeſſion, and then goe on.

Thus O Lord thou knoweſt,

knoweſt, when thou very mercifully at the firſt didſt call and knocke at my heart by the Miniſtery of thy Word, with what ſtubbornenesſe, reluctancy and delaies I withſtood the worke of thy bleſſed Spirit for the ſalvation of my owne poore ſoule. How loath I was to open the eyes of my underſtanding to let in the heavenly light of that holy truth, which onely could make mee gracious here and glorious in thy Kingdome hereafter. And when thou hadſt ſomething con-

conquered the hardneſſe of my heart, ſo that in ſome meaſure I ſaw the hatefullneſſe of my ſin, and felt the horror of thy wrath for them. O Lord thou knoweſt I did not ſo grieve, ſorrow and take on, as ſo great and grievous a ſinner ought to have done, I did not mourne for them as the mourning of *Hadadrimmon* in the valley of *Megiddo*, I was not ſorry for them as one is ſorry for his firſt borne. I was not throwne downe into the duſt, and into the place of Dragons, and into that depth

depth of humiliation which the villany and variety of my many most horrible transgressions, farre as much as the sins of the vilest wretch that ever lived upon earth, required at my hands. Nay, and when after the sence and acknowledgement of my vile and damnable estate, I saw the blood and merits of my blessed Redeemer to be the onely meanes to save me from out of hell, I did not feele in my selfe that hunger and thirst, that panting and longing, those groanes, supplica-

plications and ſtrong cries for that ſoveraigne and ſaving Plaiſter to heale my wounded ſoule, as mine owne miſery and the excellency of my CHRIST ſhould have moov'd me unto. And when at length it pleaſed thee upon thy owne free mercy to offer unto my ſorrowfull and ſinneſull ſoule thy deare Son, and all his pretious ſuffe-rings, my unbeleeving and naughty heart did not embrace, and lay hold upon him with that faſtneſſe and faithfullnes as the certainty of thy pro-

promiſes, the truth and ſweetneſſe of thy mercy moſt plentifully reveal-led in thy Word doe ſtraitly enjoyne mee. Thus LORD even every ſtep of my paſſage out of nature into Grace, out of corruption into Chriſtianity, and the ſnares of the divell into the kingdome of Chriſt, was, as thou knoweſt, fearefully hindred with the hardneſſe of my own corrupt heart, and ſowly polluted with the luſts and rebellions of my ſinfull nature.

Nay, and that which

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grieves me the moſt, and ſhould juſtly make my heart even to bleede within me, ſince I gave my name unto religion, came into the communion of Saints, and entred the waies of new obedience, I have beene dragd back by the cruell pollicie of Satan, and the accuſtomed yeeldingneſſe of my ſenſuall diſpoſitions into ſome vile and hatefull abominations of the daies of my vanity, and time of unregeneration: and alſo overtaken with ſome new knowne ſcandalous ſins,

sins, to the grieving of thy good Spirit, the grievous wounding of my conscience, and the disgracing of my profession. I have beene very slack and slow, and faint-harted in promoting thy glory, furthering good causes and performing holy duties. I have beene very dull and cold, cowardly and formall in all the waies of godlines, and my Christian warfare, in respect of many Christians, who have not neere beene so great sinners before they were converted, or receiv'd

the thousand part of those favours from thee, as I have done. I have beene too heavie, heartlesse and uncomfortable in my profession, conferences, godly exercises and practises of grace; I have not so rejoyced as I ought, in all the good things which thou hast done for me. I have not walked so cheerefully towards a crowne of life, as formerly towards the damnation of hell. Nay, LORD, and even in those things, wherein I should have the greatest comfort, when I examine my

my naughty and deceitfull heart I finde nothing but confusion of face. Even my prayers, hearing and reading the Word, receiving the Sacrament, meditations, conferences, &c. are so mingled with temptations, worldly thoughts, by-respects, deadnesse and drowsinesse of spirit, so mard with privie pride, and secret hypocrisie, that I cannot remember them without griefe of heart; neither dare I thinke upon them without prayer for the pardon of their imper-

fections. I finde great matter of humiliation in the best of them, and I know thou mightest there also finde much matter of damnation, if thou shouldest deale with me as I have deserved. O LORD my GOD, this is my state, nay and indeed a thousand times worse and more wofull yet then I or the tongue of an Angell can make it. And I have nothing in the world to say for my selfe, I have none to goe unto either in Heaven or in Earth, but onely to intreate my blessed Redeemer

mer to ſpeake unto thee in my behalfe, to make interceſſion for me with his glorious merits and pretious blood-ſhed: and to flee unto thoſe melting bowells of thy Fatherly compaſſions and tender-heartednesſe, with which thou art wont to meete and fall upon the neck of every humbled, ſorrowfull and broken-hearted ſinner. I do therefore beſeech thee, mercifull LORD, upon the bowed knees of my ſin-grieved heart to pardon and put away all my many horrible, hainous and abomi-

nable sins in the pretious blood of thine own deare Son. It is onely the pretious blood of that spotlesse Lambe which hath power and force to turne the deepest staine of scarlet and crimson sins into the whitenesse of snow & wooll. And there was never poore, sinfull wretch had more need of the multitude of thy mercies, and abundance of that saving blood to doe away the multitude of my sins, and to wash & purge and rinze my filthy and polluted soule. I pray thee therfore for Christ Jesus

Jesus his sake, for thy holy names sake; for thine infinite mercies sake, and for thine own Covenants sake; to make good unto me the true sweetnesse, & utmost comfort of all those gracious promises of life, which ere flowed from thy free mercy, through the Passion of thy Son upon any poore soule, who sought thee with truth of heart, & truly lov'd the glory of thy name. I strangely deceive mine owne heart if I doe not hunger and thirst for thy favour and pleased countenance more then

for all the treasures of the earth, & the glory of the whole world Make mine heart I pray thee, as thou wouldst have it, and then be a Sun & shield unto it, and crowne it with al the comforts of Heaven, as thou hast promised: then seale unto it for ever the sure mercies of *David*, & the salvations of the life to come. And I beseech thee also, to be so loving and mercifull to my longing spirit, so tender-hearted and kinde to my trembling heart, that I may feele in my conscience the sprinkling of the blood

blood of thy Son, for the appeasing of it, & that my poore soule may sensibly know what great things thou hast done for it, and that thou art reconciled unto it for ever in Christ Jesus. Above all things fill my heart with the joyfull feeling of thy mercies in the pardon of my sins, that so my quieted soule may sweetly sleepe, and solace it selfe everlastingly in that peace which passeth all understanding, and in the bosome of thy compassions. And for the time to come, I pray thee, to help

me more and more to renew & increase my repentance, to better & inlarge my obedience: and put to thine owne holy hand to strengthen every grace thou hast given me. O Lord my God, I could never yet get neere that hand & hatred over my sins, as I have infinitely desired. I beseech thee now at length let mee feele thy speciall comfortable power mightily assisting me in this holy businesse. The sins of my youth have beene most hatefull, execrable and abominable, both to God and

and man, nay and I have been guilty of many horrible villanies, which have beene only knowne to thy All-seeing eye and mine owne corrupt conscience. I pray thee blessed Lord, for thy Christ his sake, to worke in my heart godly sorrow, true loathing, sound repentance and humiliation for them all, in some good measure answerable and proportionable to their heighnousnesse and excesse. Oh grant mee that happinesse, that I may look back upon all those fowle pollutions, and sinfull

full vanities of my unregenerate time without either ſenſuall delight, or ſlaviſh horror; even with a ſincere hatred and heavie mourning. Let me ſee them without any deſpairefull feare, being aſſured they are done away with the blood of thy Son, as though they had never been: & without any ſecret delight, leſt I renew and multiply their guilt & grievouſnes upon my poore ſoule, which they have too fearefully wounded already. And Lord I pray thee alſo, put quickning life,

life, power and feeling into my heart and affections in the performance of every holy duty, which is the very heart and soule of a pleasing sacrifice and service unto thee. Increase in me an holy feare, reverence & respect to all thy Commandements. Cause and continue in me a sincere, universall, and constant obedience unto them all, & that not from any slavish feare, private end or by-respect, but for conscience sake, a soule-like feare of thee and love of thy glory. And if at any time,

time, as it is ordinary with Gods children, it shall please thee to exercise me with any crosse, disgrace, slander, discoũtenance, losse of goods, disease of body, terror of soule, or the like, I pray thee ever sweeten & sanctifie them unto mee by thy blessing: & grant that I may ever obediently with all peace of heart, & patience of spirit submit to thy will & wisedome therein; being fully assured that to me, which am in Christ, the sting, curse and poyson of them is most certainely pulled

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on by the Passion of thy Son. And resting ever upon thy sweet & pretious promises, that thou having given me Christ Jesus, will never deny me any truly needfull and and comfortable thing, while the world stands. And that all things, even the rage of Satan, the malice of men, the miseries of this life, nay even the sins of my soule, in an holy sence, by thy blessings shall turne unto my everlasting good.

Add I pray thee, daily more and more strength and life, and new degrees

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unto all theſe graces, which it hath pleaſed thee in ſome meaſure to plant in my ſoule of thy owne free mercy, and for the mediation of thy Son. Increaſe my knowledge in the great myſtery of grace, my reliance and truſt in thee, as one moſt powerfull, mercifull and true; my hope and patient expectation of thy preſence, and aſſiſtance in all things that are to come; my love of thee, thy Word, thy children and all things that belong unto thee; my zeale & courage for thy glory

glory and truth & good causes and good men; feare of thy great name; humblenesse and lowlinesse of minde. The Spirit and power of Prayer; Patience and contentednesse in all troubles and trials, &c. or what other holy virtue thou hast in great mercy vouchsafed unto me. Grant I pray thee and give me grace to imploy and improove them all to the utmost & for the best advantage in procuring thee glory, good unto thy Church and comfort unto mine owne soule.

Blesse

Bleſſe I pray thee and be mercifull to all creatures, and to the whole world. Draw, if it be thy bleſſed pleaſure Turks, Infidels, Jewes, to the light and acknowledgement of thy ſaving truth, and the ſalvation of their ſoules. Bleſſe our King ſpecially and principally, and all his Dominions. Roote out of them wee pray thee, all ignorance, profaneſſe, popery, pride, oppreſſions and all the workes of the divell. Purge we humbly and earneſtly beſeech thee this Church and King-

Kingdome wherein wee live, and that mightily and speedily from all disorders, sedition, faction & corruptions, which any way dishonour thy Majesty, vex thy children or hinder a free and glorious passage of the Gospell of thy Sonne. Blesse the people committed to my charge, my owne Family, my friends, my goods, house, cattell and all things that any waies belong unto mee. Remember I beseech thee with speciall love and tender-heartednesse all thy deare children whersoever

soever they be, especially those who desire my prayers for them, and have made the troubles of their soules knowne unto me. I pray thee for thy Christ his sake, let them fare the better for the poore prayers of thy weake and unworthy servant.

Gracious Lord, I praise and magnifie from the ground and bottome of my heart, thy glorious name, and the sweetnesse of thy mercy for that golden chaine of comfortable providence, which thy mercifull hand

hand hath linkt together for my good ever since I was borne. Thou gavest mee a most loving and kinde Father, a very skillfull and learned Schoole-master, worthy and ingenuous education, &c. Thou preservedst me mightily and almost miraculously from maiming or suddaine death. Thou followedst mee bountifully with thy favours at the University; and didst infinitely above all hope and expectation, raise up variety of meanes from time to time for my maintenance

nance there, &c. Thou broughtst me at length fairely, easily and uncorruptly into this place and pastorall charge I now injoy. Thou hast given me out of thine own free, immediate mercy a deare and loving Wife, incomparably the fittest for me that could have beene found upon the face of the whole earth. But above all, the consolations which thou hast brought into my poore soule by my Booke have beene most unspeakeable and glorious. Blessed for ever be thy glorious

rious name therfore, &c. In a word, I am verily perſwaded there was never wretch upon earth, that receiv'd ſo many mercies, favours and comforts from thee, and return'd ſo little thankefullneſſe, ſervice and obedience unto thee. O Lord my God, forgive I pray thee the infinite diſproportion of thine immeaſurable bountifullneſſe to me, and my moſt weake imperfect and ſinfull obedience & ſervice unto thee. O forgive it, forgive it for Chriſt Jeſus his ſake, &c.

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